

3 October 2011

Dear Parent

Into the Sixth Form Evening – Wednesday 19 October 2011

This is an important half term for your daughter: she will be reflecting on her progress to date and making important decisions about her future. Selecting the right A Level options is key to enjoying the Sixth Form and to laying solid foundations for future success and happiness.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the **'Into the Sixth Form' Evening on Wednesday 19 October**. We hope very much that you will be able to come to the evening. You can see for yourself what life in the Sixth Form will be like for your daughter, and examine the courses on offer. The evening begins at 7.00 pm with a talk in the Hall by Mrs Green, the Head of Sixth Form, and the Headteacher, Mrs Cromie. Then from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm you will have an opportunity to explore the Sixth Form Block, and to talk with Heads of Department, current Sixth Form students, and our Connexions and Careers Advisers. We will both be on hand to answer any queries you may have about subject choices or combinations, entry requirements and the application procedure.

Additional activities arranged to help your daughter in her decision making include:

13 October	'Into the Sixth Form' booklet issued to students
18 October	Half term progress grades
19 October	'Into the Sixth Form' Evening (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm) for parents and students
14 – 22 November	An opportunity for each Y11 student to 'shadow' a Sixth Former for a day
22 November	Year 11 Parents' Evening (4.30 pm – 7.30 pm)
13 December	Half term progress grades
13 December	Deadline for applications and option choices for WHS Sixth Form
20 - 24 February	Every member of Year 11 has a one-to-one discussion about their option choices with a senior member of staff
23 February	Higher Education and Careers Fair

Other important dates for students in Year 11 include:

4 – 13 January	Mock examinations
4 May	Thorpe Park trip
9 – 11 May	Revision days
14 May	Examination leave commences
2 July (tbc)	Book return day
4 July (tbc)	Access Day (introduction to Year 12 for current Year 11)
5 July (tbc)	Year 11 Prom

As the July dates are yet to be confirmed we advise that any summer breaks being planned for the students do not commence until Saturday 9 July. Access Day is an important start to the Sixth Form and students are required to attend.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 19 October.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Jacobson
Head of Upper School



Mrs R Green
Head of Sixth Form

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I / we **will** be attending the 'Into the Sixth Form' Evening

I / we **will not** be attending the 'Into the Sixth Form' Evening

Student's Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent)

Date: _____

Please return via your daughter's Form Tutor by Friday 14 October 2011