



Dear Parent/Carer

Rachel Hutchinson  
Principal

## Re: Year 11 to 12 Transition Day and Evening

Prospective Sixth Form students are invited to attend the College on Monday, 9 July to sample a day in the life of a Sixth Form student. **The expectation is that all students wishing to start Sixth Form this September should attend the whole day if possible.** As well as having the opportunity to orientate themselves with respect to our Sixth Form facilities, students will pick up to four sample lessons to attend from a timetable representing all subjects on offer in September. To enable us to organise the day, I would be grateful if students could select the lessons that they would like to attend using the link below. The lessons will include a brief description of the course, a taster episode to demonstrate the style of teaching that could be expected, and time for questions about the course.

The main purpose of the day is to provide time for students to confirm that they have picked suitable Sixth Form course options. Most students will choose to attend lessons in subjects for which they have already opted, but the day also provides the opportunity for them to sample subjects about which they are curious or undecided. In the afternoon, there will be a summary session, followed by our current Year 12 students giving their perspectives on Sixth Form. Please note that the taster sessions for the Extended Diplomas in Public Services and Sport will take place over Blocks 1 and 2 and will include an opportunity for students to speak to current Year 12 students then. Students attending either of these sessions can choose to leave at the end of Block 2 or stay to attend further taster sessions alongside everyone else.

On the day, all students should report to the Sixth Form Common room, adjacent to Millennium Reception, for 8.50am, where they will meet their Tutor for September and be given a timetable for the day. Students may bring their own lunch or purchase lunch from the canteen throughout the day. For students who attended the College during Year 11, cashless catering accounts will still be active; for students who will be new to the College, a cash system will operate. The day will end at 3.30pm.

In the evening, I will also be giving a talk to both parents and students introducing the Sixth Form and discussing some of the key elements of the transition from Key Stage 4 to Sixth Form (Key Stage 5). Some of the topics that will be covered are: attendance procedures, monitoring progress, learning habits in Sixth Form, timetable choices, dress code, and pre-course reading. The talk will be held in the Dining Hall at 6pm, and will last no longer than an hour.

Please could you complete the form at this link (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ICCYr12Transition2018>) to indicate whether your child will be attending during the day, and which lessons they would like to sample. Could you please also indicate whether you and your child wish to attend the evening talk.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tom Kershaw  
Head of Year 13 (Head of Year 12 from September 2018)

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