## Ivybridge Community College



20 June 2019

## Dear Parent/Carer

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

Prospective Sixth Form students are invited to attend the College on Wednesday, 10 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.** The main purpose of the day is to provide time for students to confirm that they have picked suitable Sixth Form course options, as well as having the opportunity to orientate themselves with respect to our Sixth Form facilities, expectations and processes, and of course, meet the Sixth Form team.

Students will be able to choose up to four taster 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. A full timetable of taster lessons available is at the end of this email. 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.

Members of the Sixth Form team will be available throughout the day, based in the Sixth Form Common Room, to answer any questions students may have and discuss any subject changes.

Please note that the taster sessions for the Extended Diplomas in Public Services and Sport will take place over Blocks 2 and 3 only and therefore are only required to attend College until 12:30. Students attending these taster sessions will need to bring their PE kit.

Dance students are also asked to bring their Dance kit for the taster session.

On the day, all students should report to the Sixth Form LRC at 8:50am to register and collect their timetable. The Sixth Form LRC can be accessed via the main Millennium Reception entrance and will be signposted from there. At 8:55am and during Block 1 they will receive a talk in the Common Room from the Sixth Form team and current Year 12 students about life in the Sixth Form, expectations and how to get the most out of the Sixth Form life. Taster lessons then take place for the remainder of the day.

Students may bring their own lunch or purchase lunch from the Dining Hall 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. Please can I ask that students wear smart casual clothes on the day. The day will end at 3.30pm.

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In the evening, the Sixth Form team will be giving a talk to both parents and students introducing the Sixth Form and discussing some of the key elements of the transition from Year 11 to Sixth Form. Some of the topics that will be covered are: attendance procedures, monitoring progress, learning habits in Sixth Form, timetable choices, dress code, and Summer work. 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 <u>link</u> 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

Heather Lilley
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