



9th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Applying to College VI

With Year 11 students currently in their final year of Key Stage 4, the thoughts of students and parents will be starting to turn to the next, exciting phase of their education, which for the vast majority of our students will be College VI.

Usually at this time of year we would have invited parents to attend our College VI Transition Evening, followed by an assembly for all Year 11 students, to provide information about College VI and the process of applying. Unfortunately, the ongoing situation with Covid-19 has meant that we have not been able to offer this, nor our Open Evening event. With that in mind, to ensure that all Year 11 students and parents do not miss out on crucial information, advice and guidance on this important next step in their Riddlesdown journey, I am writing to you to explain the process, provide you with key dates and direct you to our [College VI Handbook](#) which will contain further key information and details on each of our subjects.

In addition, just after half term, we will be releasing a new promotional video for College VI which will showcase the many benefits of studying in College VI. This will include experiences of our current students as well our fantastic facilities including our newly refurbished classrooms and common room.

Along with the handbook, in order for students to be able to make informed subject choices, we will also be arranging for our Year 11 students to attend a subject information afternoon, in the College VI building, on 17th November. This will give students the opportunity to discuss their choices with their future subject teachers and ask any questions they may have about their courses. It will also allow them to see our newly refurbished building and facilities.

Following this, students will then have up until 5th December to submit their application on our website. After we have received and reviewed all the applications, we will invite students to have a guidance interview with one of our Senior Leadership team on 2nd / 9th February. This will give students a chance to discuss the options they have chosen, in order to ensure they are making the right choices.

To access the handbook and make an application, please follow this [link](#) to our website.

Key dates:

- 17th November: Subject information event for Year 11 students.
- 5th December 2020: Deadline for all internal applications.
- 2nd and 9th February: Guidance interviews with a member of the Senior Leadership Team

College VI is an exciting, vibrant, high-achieving Sixth Form, with consistently strong outcomes for students, year on year. Whilst I would have liked the opportunity to have welcomed you in person to see for yourselves, I hope that you will find the information provided useful and it answers many of the queries you might have. This will be the start of regular communication from the College VI team over the course of the academic year to help ensure that our students are making the right choices and feel prepared for when they begin their sixth form experience with us next September. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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