



Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Mr A J Wilcock MA (Cantab)

15th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Sixth Form Week: Monday 9th – Friday 13th November

During the week commencing Monday 9th November, we will be running events for Year 11 students to help start them on their journey towards selecting their post-16 options.

Normally, at this time of year, we would have a Sixth Form Open Evening where students and parents/carers would have the chance to explore different departments and engage directly with staff about their subjects. Unfortunately, the current world situation means that this is not possible in its usual format.

As an alternative to the Sixth Form Open Evening, a 'Virtual Open Evening video' will be made available on the school website from Tuesday 10th November. Current students will explain the opportunities and experiences they have had during their time in the Sixth Form and what it is like to study A-Levels here. In support of the main video, there will also be subject specific talks available via the website where Heads of Department illustrate why studying their subject should be of particular interest.

In support of the online resources, Year 11 students will receive talks from Heads of Department during period 5 lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday. Here they will receive more detailed information about a subject on offer and where it can take them.

On Thursday, students will have the chance to engage with subject staff directly during our Year 11 'Marketplace'. This will run from 15:00 to 16:00 across the Hub, Hall and Atrium. Staff will be spread out to support social distancing and will be able to answer the burning questions that students have. To help meet our current guidelines, we ask that students remain distanced from staff and wear masks throughout their time in the 'Marketplace'.

To get a flavour of what life is like in our Sixth Form, the week finishes with 'Sixth-Former for a Day' where teachers provide Sixth Form style lessons within the normal timetable taught that day. To give a more 'authentic' feel, we ask that Year 11 students wear smart, business-style attire in line with the Sixth Form Dress Code rather than their usual Bishop Ramsey School Uniform, however, students may wear their school uniform if they wish.

It is a shame that we cannot experience the normal 'buzz' of our Sixth Form Open Evening but we hope that our alternative plans furnish Year 11 students with the information they need to make an informed choice.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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Director of Year 12

Miss J McLoughlin
Director of Year 11

