

26th June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

6th form Taster Day 11th July 2017

On Tuesday the 11th July, all Year 10 students will be off normal timetable to take part in a 6th form taster day. The purpose of the day is not only to experience life in the 6th form but also to sample subjects that they may be interested in studying after their GCSE's. The school day will start and finish at the normal times, but they will be following a personalised timetable based on the subjects they have chosen in Community Time with their tutors. I have enclosed a copy of the choices sheets for you to talk to your son/daughter about what they are currently considering.

Students are allowed to wear the 6th form dress code of smart casual.

Male dress code:

- A collared shirt should be worn (polo shirts are acceptable and t-shirts may be worn under jumpers)
- Tailored trousers or chinos (jeans are not acceptable)
- Suit jacket, blazer, jumper or cardigan (hoodies are not acceptable)
- Smart shoes must be worn (no trainers or flip flops)
- Ties are optional

Female dress code:

- Smart tops eg shirt or blouse must be worn (exposure of the abdomen is unacceptable as are low cut, strapless, backless or baggy tops)
- Skirts and dresses should not be too short (just above knee length at the shortest and no denim)
- Trousers may be full or $\frac{3}{4}$ length but no shorter. Any cropped trousers must be formal or tailored (jeans are not acceptable).
- Suit jacket, blazer, jumper or cardigan (hoodies are not acceptable)
- Smart shoes or boots must be worn (no trainers or flip flops)

The process of deciding which courses to study will continue into Year 11

In October there will be other events being held to support your son/daughter and their future career choices.

6th Form Open Evening (October 2017)

The aim for the evening is for you and your son/daughter to understand the requirements for each option they may wish to choose to study in the 6th form, discuss with teachers and curriculum leaders the course details and to identify what subjects your child may need for future education, apprenticeship or employment.

The year group has already started to think about future plans and careers, and as an Academy we aim to equip them to take the steps to reach those goals. During the evening there will be a presentation in the

theatre, plus subject staff will be on hand for you to obtain all relevant information you may need to make an informed decision about the choices your son/daughter may wish to take.

6th form Options Interview Day (October 2017)

Your child's tutor will contact you to arrange a 20 minute meeting slot between 8.15am- 4.30pm. Along with yourself, your son/daughter is required to attend the meeting which will be with their tutor and a member of the 6th form team. If you are unable to attend it is important that your child does attend as attendance at this meetings will result in your child receiving an attendance mark for this day.

The aim of this meeting is to discuss in more detail your child's subject choices to ensure they are making the right decisions for their future aspirations.

Year 11 students will not be required to attend school, as this is our options interview day. Students will be provided with sufficient work for lessons missed which is to be complete at home and returned to their teachers the following day. If your son/daughter being at home presents an issue, please let their tutor know and we will arrange supervision at school for the day where they will complete core subject work and of course attend their meeting with you and their tutor.

If you have any questions prior to these events, please either email your son/daughter's tutor (see contact details below) Ms Hearn-Smith (Progress Leader KS4) kellyhearn-smith@thewellingtonacademy.org.uk or Ms Francis (Achievement Leader) sophiefrancis@thewellingtonacademy.org.uk. Or Ms Tozer in the Key Stage 4 office: suzannetozer@thewellingtonacademy.org.uk and we will ensure we provide the answers you require.

I look forward to seeing you at both of these important events which will support you and your son/daughter with this important process in preparation for the 6th form.

Yours faithfully

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