

9 January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Head's Round Up

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a great break over the festive period. Welcome back to the new half term, once again we have many exciting plans over this time that I will be keeping you updated on.

Post 16 Mock exams

Post 16 mock examinations will take place from the 9th to the 15th of January for all students in Year 12 and Year 13. These examinations are vital for preparation for the summer examinations and students will be working with tutors to prepare revision plans over the coming weeks.

Sixth Form Information Evening

It was a great pleasure to see so many students and parents at the Sixth Form Open Evening. Over the coming weeks, the Year 11 students will be having the first of their interviews to help plan their pathway for after Year 11. Over the course of the year, there will be further opportunities to meet for a one to one session with Mr Andrews to ensure that the academic pathways chosen by students enable them to access their future careers. Following on from the open evening, we are holding an additional Sixth Form Information Evening in West hall on **Wednesday 10th January 2018**, starting at **6.00pm**. This is an opportunity to gain more detailed information about the Sixth Form, study pathways, the courses offered, finance, student support and specialist programmes designed to support our learners. The open evening places an emphasis on meeting with subject staff to learn about the subject content, but will also offer the chance to understand the broader experience offered by our excellent Sixth Form. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 9 Options Evening

On Thursday 11th January 2018 from 4.30pm to 7pm we will be holding our Year 9 Options Evening.

The evening is to give you and your son/daughter an idea of what their options are for Key Stage 4 we have arranged the following programme:

- There will be a presentation to all students and parents. To enable everyone to attend, we have two staggered slots available
- **Presentation 1** will start at 5.30pm in West Hall and in order to best manage numbers attending, we would ask parents of students in the **X half** of the year group to meet in the West hall for a prompt 5.30pm start
- **Presentation 2** will take place in the West Hall for parents of students in the **Y half** of the year group. This will start promptly at 6.15pm
- From 4.30 – 7pm students and parents are invited to visit the displays put on by subject areas to show what options are available in Key Stage 4.

The Year 9 Options Booklet will also be handed out to students on the evening. This is a comprehensive guide of the options available to students and the process that they will have to follow.

I am pleased to advise that our West Canteen will also be operating the parent's café again, offering complimentary refreshments and an opportunity to relax and chat to other Year 9 parents as well as members of SLT.

Year 11 English Literature

On Monday 15 January 2018, Year 11 will sit a mock examination for English Literature. This is a 1 hour paper and will be completed during school hours. Should any student require any further information, support or guidance, the English department will be available to offer dedicated time with the students prior to the exam taking place.

Year 11 progress evening

On Thursday 18 January 2018 we will host the Year 11 progress evening for the X half of the student population and the Y half on Wednesday 24 January 2018. Appointments, can be booked by visiting <http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/driffieldschool>

You will need to enter the following information

- Your first name and surname (these must match those we have on record for you)
- Your child's first name, surname and date of birth

The system is live from Tuesday 9 January 2018 and will be open to take your bookings until 9am on the day of each Progress Evening.

Parent survey

Following significant changes implemented at Driffield school over the past 18 months, we would be grateful if parents would help us by completing our on line survey. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete by going to:

<http://survey.gi-assessment.co.uk/s/DZXD0/>

Your password is: DSs6ar2017 (case sensitive)

I will write to you again next week with more updates from around the school.

Yours faithfully



D Pickering
Head of School