

15 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Sixth Form Application

Following on from the Sixth Form Open Event in October, I am delighted to enclose a letter for your child with the conditional offer of a place to study at Driffield Sixth Form next year. It also highlights to them the additional activities that we will be holding in order to aid their transition into the Sixth Form.

The Driffield Sixth Form Open Event remains live at www.driffieldschool.net with videos that highlight what our Sixth Form offers and what specific programmes are in place to support students. There are videos that cover each subject area and also an opportunity to hear from some of our wonderful alumni students about the exciting futures that Driffield Sixth Form has helped them to reach. Just scroll down on the home page and click on the Sixth Form logo.

The Year 11 students have already had the first of their interviews with me or a member of the Leadership Team to help plan their pathway for after Year 11. Between now and September 2020 there will be further opportunities to request a personalised interview with myself to ensure that the academic pathways chosen enables them to access the future careers that they are aiming for. We pride ourselves on being a local provider that is able to offer bespoke programmes, support and guidance to the students that we have come to know so well over the last five years. This was recognised in our recent Ofsted inspection where the school and Sixth Form were judged GOOD with inspectors commenting about students “very positive attitudes to learning in the sixth form”, observing that “They enjoy their time in the sixth form and feel challenged and supported.” The report also highlighted the strength of the advice provided and rich work experiences offered by the school, noting that “The range of courses is ambitious, and students make good progress. Leaders provision for students’ career guidance is a strength at the school.”

I take great personal pride in ensuring that we can guide our students appropriately into making the right decisions. As you know, I am very proud of our Sixth Form and the superb progress made by our students in recent years, with 91% of students reaching their first choice of university, or apprenticeship destination, we are well above the national average. Additionally, over the last 3 years, between 28-34% of students have accessed some of the most competitive courses at Russell Group universities; significantly above the national average of 12%. This was particularly highlighted as strength of the Sixth Form by Ofsted and I was delighted to see that

they recognised the emphasis that we have always placed on delivering the best education and opportunities possible to our students.

The following programmes will be available for your child to support their future choices and we will be running sessions for the students to introduce them to students across the spring term:

MEDSOC – This is our pre-med programme that has helped see 100% of medics and vets secure their place in the last three years.

HE+ - This is scheme we facilitates entry for Driffield students to Oxbridge, with former Driffield students currently studying at Cambridge University, following participation

Employer Led – This scheme works in partnership with employers to prepare our students for higher level apprenticeships. Recent destinations have included Nestle, Rolls Royce, Airbus and RMS finance.

In March there will be a virtual Sixth Form information evening where I will provide more detailed information about the Sixth Form, the study pathways available, courses offered, student finance, student support and specialist programmes. This opportunity will be available for both parents and students

I look forward to working with you and your child in the future as we look to secure them the best possible outcomes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Andrews', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mr D Andrews
Head of Sixth Form