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Dear Student

RE: Sixth Form Application

As you are aware, over the last couple of weeks the Senior Leadership Team have enjoyed having the opportunity to have individual meetings with all Year 11 students to discuss future aspirations and options choices. As part of this careers process, many students have indicated that they would like to apply for a place at Driffield Sixth Form. Currently our records show that we have yet to receive an application from you. This may be because you intend to pursue a course, or an apprenticeship at an alternative destination, or it may be that you were unable to attend your initial interview. If you would still like to apply to study at Driffield Sixth Form then please contact me at Darren.andrews@driffieldschool.org.uk and I will get an application form to you.

Students' potential subject choices can often change between now and September and you will be given plenty of opportunity to discuss your final subject combination prior to starting with us in September. I am already preparing to ensure that your transition into the Sixth Form is a successful one and your suggested courses mean we can begin to construct the timetable to try to enable students to gain their preferred choices.

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.

In order to further help your transition into Year 12 we offer the following:

An open door - If you would like to discuss your potential option choices, future career paths or have any other questions, do not hesitate to come and ask, or ask your tutor to let me know you would like a chat.

In February we will run a week of A Level taster sessions so that you can investigate further the subjects that you are interested in pursuing next year. This week will also provide the opportunity to visit the Sixth Form area to familiarise yourself with the surroundings which give the Sixth Form its unique atmosphere.

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.

Across the Spring term we will run some short sessions during the registration period where small groups of interested students can find out more about our specialist support programmes including:

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

HE+ - This is scheme we are part of that facilitates entry for Driffield students to Oxbridge, with former Driffield students currently studying at Cambridge University.

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.

“Activate” – Enjoy a two-day taste of Sixth Form life in July (circumstances allowing) with sample A Level lessons, Student Union Events and a further registration interview to double check your choices. Learn what it’s like to be an A Level student so you can hit the ground running in September. I will write with more details closer to Activate.

August – On exam results day you can have a post result enrolment interview to confirm your choices.

I hope your preparation for the summer goes well next terms as we count down towards the exams. I am very much looking forward to working with you and supporting you towards the best possible outcomes for your future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Andrews', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr D Andrews
Head of Sixth Form