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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been great to receive so many applications to our Sixth Form from Year 11 students, with students confirming likely option choices. These options enable us to now create the option columns so that timetabling can begin. Once these have been finalised, we will send them home to students so that they can consider their intentions alongside them. We encourage students to consider four option choices initially, in order to maintain some flexibility in their programme of study, due to the loss of teaching this year. This is with a view to dropping a subject at the end of Year 12, so that they can focus on the three areas that are proving to be their strongest. Students can still choose three subjects if they wish to.

All students will also have the option to study an EPQ in addition to their option choices and will be able to choose this as their fourth option, should they wish to. Students will be able to change their option choices following exam results day and we still retain flexibility of choice during the first few weeks of term. If students have yet to complete the new options form (even if their option choices have not changed), they should do so using this [link](#). If any students have an issue accessing the link, they should email their preferred choices to Mr Andrews at dandrews@driffieldschool.org.uk.

We strongly advise our Year 11 students to complete the transition tasks on the online platform for the subjects that they intend to study in Year 12. We have developed the Year 11 transition folder on the online platform, to ensure there is a wide range of materials for students to access, and these can be accessed [here](#). Subject teachers have worked hard to develop bridging work that will allow students to develop the skills and knowledge to prepare them for A Level study. In each subject folder, students will find a clear set of instructions that outline the work to be completed and how to submit the work for feedback from subject specialists. We strongly encourage students to submit the work that they have completed in order to receive some feedback on their work. Teachers can then direct students to further learning and reading in those subject areas to give them the best possible start in September. If students have any queries regarding subject specific transition work, please contact the relevant Head of Department using the subject support emails.

Furthermore, in the APEX folder, students can access a bank of free courses and blogs that will help them to develop their independent study skills (such as note-taking, revision and research). With the introduction of study periods and more independent study in Year 12, these resources will support students in adapting to studying in the Sixth Form.

Finally, we were pleased to receive so many applications for the role of lunchtime supervisor from Year 11 students. The application date for these positions has now closed and we will be responding to students shortly.

We look forward to continuing to help our excellent Year 11 students to progress on to the next stage of their education over the next two years.

Best wishes



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