

3 November 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

**RE: Sixth Form Update**

Now that your child has completed their first half term of the Sixth Form and are settled on their programme of study I wanted to take the opportunity to formally welcome you to the Sixth Form as a parent. One of my key aims in the Sixth Form is to create a community that will support the academic and personal development of each individual and which will enable them to move on to the eventual destination of their choice. We have secured tremendous success over the years in realising this vision and I am extremely proud of the achievements of our alumni students. An essential part of the success of our students is due to the positive partnerships that the Sixth Form team and subject specialists form with both students and their parents and carers. We will report home twice a year in the form of a written report and will also host a parents evening in May so that you can keep up to date with your child's progress. However I would also like to offer the opportunity for you to contact me at any point should you wish to discuss any concerns that you may have. I can be contacted at [darren.andrews@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:darren.andrews@driffieldschool.org.uk) and will always endeavour to do all I can to ensure that we get the best outcome possible for your child.

By your child should be well settled on their programme of study and will be beginning the transition from being a GCSE student to the independent learner that we aim to nurture in the Sixth Form. It is not always a straightforward journey and there can be times when students feel a little overwhelmed by the challenge, but I can assure you and them that they will adjust and we will help them to do so. It is important that your child gets into the habit of utilising their study periods effectively, as workload can soon mount up and they should be looking to complete approximately 4 hours of additional study outside of lessons. In this time your child should be completing homework, consolidating content, practising questions and reading around the subject. There is time within the Sixth Form day to do much of this, alongside a bit of work at home. In addition your child has also been presented the enrichment offer in the last couple of weeks. These are opportunities where the students can gain additional skills and qualifications that will help them to develop as an individual and to create competitive CVs and applications. Your child can tell you about the various options that they are considering.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with your child over the next two years.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Andrews  
Head of Sixth Form