

16 June 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Sixth Form

Please find within this mailing a range of information addressed to your child regarding their application to study at Driffield Sixth Form and the opportunities on offer. I am very much looking forward to supporting them over the next two years.

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 last 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'* and 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 39% of all grades at A*-A in 2022 and **96%** of students reaching their first choice of university, or apprenticeship destination, we are well above the national average. Additionally, **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 a 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 students can opt to join these programmes through the form they can access through the QR code on their letter.

- **MEDSOC:** This is our pre-med programme that has helped see **100%** of medics and dentists secure their place in the last three years.
- **HE+:** This is a scheme that facilitates entry for Driffield students to Oxbridge, with former Driffield students currently studying at Cambridge University following their participation.

- **Employability Programme:** 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.
- **Primary Team:** This provides organised work experience in local primary schools.

On the evening of Tuesday 11 July I will run a session from 6 pm – 7 pm in the East Hall for parents and students. This will provide an introduction to study in the Sixth Form and to take any questions regarding the transition into Year 12.

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Andrews', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Andrews
Head of Sixth Form