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Dear Student,

RE: Sixth Form Open Evening

Now that you are entering Year 11, you will be beginning to think more carefully about your future. You won't believe how quickly this year can fly by and because of that, it's important that you begin to consider where you might go after your GCSEs. I wanted to make you aware of Driffield Sixth Form's next open evening, so that you can find out about the opportunities that are available here at Driffield. Our open event will take place on the evening of 19 October from 6 pm – 8 pm.

Here are some reasons why we want you to consider pursuing your studies at Driffield Sixth Form:

More than just a number

By joining Driffield Sixth Form you are entering a community of approximately 200 students where we get to know and support each individual, ensuring we have fun alongside our study. This makes it easier to get involved and be known by people. The Sixth Form team is always there to talk to and joining Driffield Sixth Form means that teachers that know and understand you are also there to help you along the way.

Destinations

We are incredibly proud of our destinations. Getting students to where they want to be is our primary aim. That's why 91% of applicants from our Sixth Form reached their first choice of university in 2023. In addition the number of students going on to study at prestigious Russell Group universities was 30%, which is more than double the national average.

Specialist Support Programmes

We offer a range of programmes that you can sign up for, to help you to develop and reach your ideal destination. Over the last five years, our MEDSOC programme has helped large numbers of our applicants to secure places on medicine, dentistry and veterinary science courses. Our employment programme has helped students gain apprenticeships at major national firms and HE+ has helped support Driffield students in their applications to Oxford and Cambridge.

Excellent results

The teaching is excellent and class sizes are smaller than your previous years at school. Therefore, getting to know your subject teachers is a lot easier and enables

you to get more support and guidance. This sees subjects such as Maths Chemistry, Geography and Drama regularly performing in the top 10-20% nationally.

Facilities

Having our own common room enables the whole of the Sixth Form to come together and participate in a range of activities. There is a real buzz throughout the day and the common room is a place where our Sixth Formers can relax, socialise and enjoy the Sixth Form café. The new study centre provides the latest ICT facilities to enable you to excel academically.

Student Union

Our aim is to offer you an experience which is noticeably different to that experienced in the rest of the school. As a young adult preparing to enter the world of Higher education, or employment, you will be treated as such. The Student Union is a group of students who are committed to ensuring that the experience of our Sixth Formers is the best it can be. It ensures that student voice is at the centre of what we do and is responsible for organising a range of social events.

Enrichment Programme

We have an extremely broad and accessible enrichment programme that is designed to give you the chance to develop knowledge and skills beyond the classroom to increase the competitiveness of your future applications. All students opt into three activities that rotate each term, with activities including: dissection club, debate society, EPQ, sign language, activism society and many more.

I am really proud of the Sixth Form and the students that make up our community. They are exceptionally talented young people with bright futures. I look forward to welcoming you to our open evening so that you can find out a bit more about joining us. Further details about how to access the open evening will be made available nearer the date.

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