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Dear Applicant,

RE: Sixth Form Activate

Congratulations on the near completion of your GCSEs. I am delighted that you are considering enrolling to be a member of the Sixth Form here at Driffield School and I look forward to having the opportunity to work with you over the next two years.

A Levels are an exciting time as you get to focus more on your chosen subjects, experience teaching and support in a more grown up way and begin to take steps towards choosing your potential career and future. It is a privilege to be able to help students navigate this and we will be starting this process with you on Tuesday 5 September.

Activate

This is our induction event for Year 11 students, which will run on Monday 24 June from 8.45 am - 3.30 pm. This is an important day where we can help get your A Level studies off to a flying start!

- Discover more about the subjects on offer by experiencing A Level teaching of content ready for next year.
- Discover the range of opportunities that exist to provide enrichment and build you an unbeatable CV.
- Complete your registration for the Sixth Form and have any 1:1 conversations about your options that you need.
- Collect key information about transport, student finance and other important matters.
- Enjoy a free drink and snack from the Sixth Form canteen.
- Meet our Student Union through our lunch event.

The day will start with a short meeting in the Common Room at 8.45 am where you can pick up a timetable for the day. If you are intending to attend the activate event, please sign up through the QR link below:



Sixth Form Information Evening

In addition to Activate, on the evening of Monday 24 June, I will be running 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.

Enrolment

At Activate some students take the opportunity to revisit their options and there will be a further chance to do this on GCSE results day. If on Thursday 22 August (GCSE results day) you wish to enrol on the original courses (listed on a green sheet inside your results envelope) you applied for, and have met the entry criteria, just sign the sheet and hand it in on results day. If you wish to, or need to, change your options then complete the yellow sheet and go to the common room to discuss this with a member of the Sixth Form team. We try to maintain as much flexibility as possible around subject choices and students will continue to have the opportunity to change their programme of study until the end of September. Students are able to choose either three or four subjects to start Year 12 with. There are pros and cons to both approaches and if you are unsure and would like a conversation about this, then please see a member of the Sixth Form team on results day.

Option choices



OPTION CHOICES

BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C	BLOCK D	BLOCK E
CRIMINOLOGY COMPUTER SCIENCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE MATHS POLITICS	ART CHEMISTRY CRIMINOLOGY DRAMA SOCIOLOGY	BIOLOGY BUSINESS FILM PHYSICS PSYCHOLOGY	BIOLOGY GEOGRAPHY HISTORY H & S C MATHS	FURTHER MATHS GEOGRAPHY PHOTOGRAPHY ENGLISH LITERATURE PSYCHOLOGY PE

We have now constructed our curriculum model for the new academic year so that timetables can be produced. This model is created based on the options that the students entered in February and has been produced to ensure that the highest number of students possible gain their preferred choices. Unfortunately, this is not always possible and some students may need to make a compromise based on the columns above, as their original combination was an unusual one which may have prevented a larger number of students from gaining their preferred choice. Students can discuss any issues with me at Activate and we can see if there is a creative solution. In addition, as I mentioned to students at the time, where numbers are insufficient to run a particular course, that subject area is not available. The option columns for September 2024 are found above. Students can only choose one subject from each column.

Please remember that entry criteria remains as previously advertised:

- 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above for entry onto A level courses
- 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above for entry onto vocational courses
- Grade 6 or higher in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths to study these at A Level
- Grade 6 or higher in a science or maths to study Psychology
- Grade 7 or higher in maths to study Further Maths

Next Steps Programmes

The Sixth Form offers a range of specialist programmes to support students in aiming for their desired future careers. These include:

- **HE+** - Support in applying for Oxbridge and other highly competitive universities.
- **Medsoc** - Support for students interested in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science. Please see the attached brochure for more information on our Medsoc programme.
- **Employability programme** – Support for students to develop the employability skills required for applications for apprenticeships.
- **Primary Team** – Organised work experience in local primary schools.

To secure a place on one or more of these programmes complete the relevant form using this QR code:



Employment opportunity

As a school, we do employ Sixth Form students to work with our staff supervising students at lunchtime, both in the canteen areas and in the outdoor areas of the school.

This is a good way to earn extra money as the school's rate is almost double the national minimum wage normally paid by local businesses, as well as being useful work experience which you can share with future employers or prospective universities and colleges. Additional information can be found in the attached letter. Applications will be open at the start of September. We also employ our Sixth Form students to work as learning mentors for our younger students. Information regarding this opportunity is also included with this letter.

Transport

Once students in the East Riding of Yorkshire move beyond Year 11 they are no longer eligible for free transport to school and must buy a travel pass from the East Riding of Yorkshire council. This is available through passenger services at the following link: [Buying a travel pass for school or college \(eastriding.gov.uk\)](http://eastriding.gov.uk).

Currently the cost of a travel pass is £600, but the school has capped the cost at £400 for parents and will subsidise the rest. This makes the cost of a journey each way approximately £1. You will need to order a pass from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and then the school will reimburse you the £200 subsidy, when you present the receipt in school. Additional financial support is available to families through the 16-19 bursary.

16-19 bursary

Young people entering post-16 education may be eligible for a discretionary bursary for the duration of their study to help with travel, meals, stationery, books, pens, other equipment and specialist clothing depending on annual household income. This is to support young people who may have financial barriers to attending further education. You can apply for the Discretionary Bursary if you have an annual household income below £45,000. Further information is provided at the Activate event, or in September.

I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer, following the completion of your exams, and I look forward to welcoming you to the Sixth Form in September.

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