

10 September 2025

Dear Parent or Carer,

**RE: Year 13 return to Sixth Form**

It has been a delight to welcome our students back to Sixth Form as they embark on their final year of education with us.

This is a truly outstanding group of young people and I firmly believe that they have the ability to exceed the results of previous years that have seen us sit top of the league tables for Sixth Form progress in the East Riding and Hull. They are talented, committed and full of promise and Year 13 is an exciting time where the students will plan the next steps in their journey. This may be an application to university, or an apprenticeship, planning a gap year, or seeking employment. Whatever their pathway may be the Sixth Form staff are here to help them (and you) to walk through that journey.

Applications to university will begin in the next fortnight, as will those to degree apprenticeships with national or international firms, who start their recruitment process early. These applications will continue throughout the year, with more local apprenticeships being available often from January onwards. In February I will provide information about applications for Student Finance, which usually opens in March. If you have any queries or concerns about any of the application processes, please don't hesitate to be in touch and I'll offer any advice I can.

I would like to share with you our Key Stage 5 curriculum guide. This contains an outline of the knowledge and skills your child will be taught across their subjects this academic year. It also gives advice on some of the ways you are able to support your child's learning at home for each subject. Throughout the year, you will also receive a regular curriculum update that provides you with a summary of what your child is learning in school each half term.

Ultimately, success in this summer's exams will not depend on the hours invested in the final weeks of Year 13, but in the steady and consistent application of the students from now. We will endeavour to encourage the students in their preparation for their final exams and in the completion of their NEAs and I would like to thank you in advance for your support in this too.

If you would like any further information, or would like to ask any questions, please email me at: [darren.andrews@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:darren.andrews@driffieldschool.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Andrews  
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