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Dear Applicant,

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 8 September.

### **Activate**

This is our induction event for Year 11 students, which will run on Monday 29 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.

### **Sixth Form Information Evening**

In addition to Activate, on the evening of Monday 6 July, I will be running a session from 6 pm – 7 pm in the East Hall for parents. 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 the Thursday 20 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

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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 March 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. For example, where clashes occur with Art and Photography, we can often resolve these easily for you to be able to take both subjects. 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 2026 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.
- **Lawsoc** – Support for students interested in a career in law.
- **Employability programme** – Support for students to develop the employability skills required for applications for apprenticeships.
- **Edsoc** – Support for students considering working in the education sector

You will be able to sign up for these programmes on Activate if you haven't already.

## **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. We also employ Sixth Form students to work as learning mentors for our younger students. 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 in relation to both opportunities can be found in the attached letters. Application forms and further job details in relation to both opportunities will be sent to you by a separate e-mail today.

## **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 £660, but we heavily subsidise Sixth Form transport to make your journey affordable, reducing your cost to £460, which is equates to approximately £1.18 per journey based on 5 days per week of the academic year, whether you are travelling from one of the nearby villages or the surrounding areas. You will need to order a pass from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and then the school will reimburse you the subsidy, when you present the receipt in school. Additional financial support is available to families through a means tested 16-19 bursary on top of this subsidy.

## **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