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Dear Student,

RE: Driffield Sixth Form

In only a couple of months' time you'll be returning to school from your summer holidays as a Year 11 student. You won't believe how quickly that year can fly by and because of that it's important that, even now, you begin to consider where you might go after your GCSEs. I hope that you will consider Driffield Sixth Form as one of your potential destinations. We have created a highly successful and vibrant post 16 environment here, where students can thrive and achieve their potential. Our sole aim is to offer a supportive, engaging and challenging environment, where we hope to guide you onto your desired destination.

Outstanding outcomes

We continue to be absolutely thrilled with our most recent set of results which have seen us 1st and 2nd for the last two years in the performance tables, with student progress being the best in in Hull and the East Riding [All schools and colleges in East Riding of Yorkshire - Compare school and college performance data in England - GOV.UK](#). This also places us above the specialist Sixth Form providers in the area for student progress, highlighting the value an education at Driffield Sixth Form adds. It is fantastic to see the hard work of the staff and students being rewarded with our sixth formers securing the grades that have enabled them to access the most competitive university courses and apprenticeships available. It was also pleasing to see that Ofsted recognised this *"The school is given the resources it needs to help pupils and students to achieve well. In the sixth form, this is very clearly having an impact."*

More than just a number

By joining Driffield Sixth form you are entering into a community where you will be known as an individual, as we aim to support you in your study, whilst having fun alongside this. The Sixth Form staff and student team are always there to talk to, and joining Driffield Sixth Form means that teachers that you know and understand you, are always on hand to help you along the way! That's why 94% of applicants from our Sixth Form reach their first choice of destination, way above the national average which is about 75%. In addition, the number of our students going on to study at Russell Group universities (34%) is significantly higher than the national average (12%). Ofsted also highlighted this strength *"The school is proud of its sixth form. Students receive a great deal of support in their personal and character development. This is leading to excellent destination data, with several students going on to Russell Group universities."*



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Tailored support

Our teaching is excellent and our smaller class sizes ensure that getting to know your subject teachers is a lot easier and enables you to get more one to one help. You have two A level specialist teachers per subject, to help you focus on the different areas of the course and to provide support through revision sessions. In addition, you have a dedicated Sixth Form Tutor who is experienced in the application process for universities, apprenticeships and other potential destinations. Their role is also to help you develop the academic skills to succeed in the Sixth Form. Finally, there is the Sixth Form Team, who are four members of staff who are available to you throughout the Sixth Form day, through our open-door policy, to support you with any care or guidance needed.

Specialist Pathways

To further support our students, we offer bespoke careers and university preparation, but also run some specialist pathway provision, for students considering careers in particular fields, where additional input such as work experience is required. These include:

- **Medsoc** – Careers in medicine, dentistry, healthcare and veterinary medicine
- **Lawsoc** – Preparation for a career in law
- **Edsoc** – A pathway for careers in the field of education
- **HE+** - Potential study at Oxford or Cambridge
- **Employability Pathway** – For students seeking to gain an apprenticeship following the Sixth Form

Getting to know people

Having our own common room enables the whole of sixth form to come together and participate in activities such as pub quizzes, the chilli challenge and year 12 vs Year 13 events. There is a real buzz throughout the day. All of this has meant that over the two years of Sixth Form, you'll have the opportunity to make new friends and grow closer to those you already know. As your local provider with limited travel time, you have more time to engage in after school activities and study and our study facilities and the common room, student kitchen stay open until 6 pm so that you can make the most of your time.

Enrichment Opportunity

Being a Sixth Former is about so much more than just the subjects you choose. We want to ensure that you develop as an individual and can access experiences and opportunities that will help shape your future. Consequently, we offer a diverse enrichment programme which includes things such as a debate society, dissection club, conversational Spanish lessons, learning sign language and driving theory support.

Student leadership

We're always making plans to make your Sixth Form experience the best it can be. We have an active Student Union, that provides student leadership to make sure that the things you want to see happen actually do. This includes organising social events and charity fundraising, ensuring student well-being is a priority and listening to the voice of our students.

We look forward to meeting you at our Sixth Form Open evening on Thursday 15 October so that we can share more of the excellent experience our Sixth Form offers, so remember to "save the date".

Please scan the QR code beneath to go to our current prospectus to read more about what we have on offer.



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