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Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Sixth Form Open Evening

I am writing to inform you about our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 15 October from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm.

Considering their next steps can be a very exciting time for students as they begin to look to the future and the potential pathways on offer. Our role is to help them on that journey, providing exceptional guidance and support and high academic challenge. Our results continue to be strong, and this year saw another outstanding Year 13 cohort achieve wonderful outcomes as they sought to progress on to their desired destination. With over a third of all students gaining at least one grade A or above, we were extremely proud of their efforts. Our approach to supporting the success of our students was recognised by the 2025 school Ofsted report: "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. Students' outcomes are strong, and achievement is high." Consequently, our university destinations data continues to be outstanding, with 93% of our students applying to university securing their first choice in 2026, in comparison to the national average of 79%.

In addition, 41% of our university applicants secured a place at one of the prestigious Russell Group Universities, significantly more than the national average of 27%. In recent years we have also seen record numbers obtain competitive apprenticeships with major companies such as Barclays, Airbus, RMS, Nestle and Dentons after taking part in our employability programme. These results mirrored the recognition for our Sixth Form in last year's Ofsted report: "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."

This night is an opportunity for students and parents to investigate the large range of courses that we offer here. Students and parents can also find out about the range of programmes that we offer to support student applications for apprenticeships, careers in medicine and an Oxbridge application. In recent years this has seen students secure places at Cambridge University and a range of medical schools. Guidance is one of our greatest strengths and it is the quality of the relationships that students develop with staff here that enables them to succeed. We are a community that supports students through an exciting period of their life, helping them to transition into independent young adults ready to take their place in the world. We value our students highly and hope your child will want to start their A Level journey here with us. In the



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weeks before the open evening all students will have an individual interview with a senior member of staff to ensure that they receive appropriate guidance regarding their potential future destination.

We look forward to you joining us on the evening and will write again in due course with more detailed information regarding the format of the evening. The QR code on the advert will currently take you to our 2025/26 prospectus, which will be updated shortly with the addition of our exciting new T level in Engineering.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Andrews', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr D Andrews
Head of Sixth Form and Assistant Headteacher