

Mc/SD October 21st 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## External Applicant Post 16 Pathways Event – Wednesday 17th November 2021

Unfortunately, this year's annual Sixth Form Information Evening at Hitchin Boys' School has been postponed until **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021** due to increased levels of COVID in the community.

However, in preparation for this day, we have launched the Hitchin Schools Sixth Form Consortium website, allowing all students interested in joining our Sixth Form in September 2022 a virtual opportunity to access presentations from the Headteacher, Mr Moane, and our Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Christou, at your convenience. The website alsos contain a course overview and video for each of the courses offered here

As a Sixth Form, we operate as part of a Consortium with Hitchin Girls' School (HGS) and The Priory School (TPS) to provide a very extensive range of both traditional and vocational courses, all of which offer progression into Further Education and employment.

In addition to this virtual website, we will be holding a face to face Post 16 Marketplace Pathway event during **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** for both our internal and external applicants (Covid-19 permitting). This will allow students the opportunity to speak with current Year 13 students and staff about each of the courses offered as well as the chance to take a thirty-minute tour of the school. The event is **only open to students** to attend.

If your child would like to attend this event please <u>follow this link</u> and book them in for one of the sessions

On the same day, Wednesday  $17^{th}$  November, there will be a presentation for Parents/Carers from 5.00-6.30 pm, where you will have the opportunity to listen to the Headteacher Mr Moane, and the Sixth Form Pastoral team outlining a student's journey from sixth form option choices in Year 11 through to post 18 university / career pathways, the difference between A Level and vocational course and a brief synopsis of the UCAS process.

Ofsted Outstanding School

Head Teacher: Mr F Moane

Students **do not need to attend** the evening as this is primarily an opportunity for parents/carers to meet the Sixth Form Pastoral team and for us to share with you the Sixth Form expectations and post 18 pathways and to take any questions. The event will take place in the Hitchin Boys' School Auditorium and will begin at **5.00pm** prompt. Light refreshments will be available. Please email <a href="mailto:sdare@hitchinboys.co.uk">sdare@hitchinboys.co.uk</a> with Attending Sixth Form Information Evening Yes or No in the title.

In light of Covid 19 it would be prudent to take a lateral flow test before attending if possible

After this day, students have until <u>Friday 10th December 2021</u> to submit their HBS External Student registration form. We use this first set of choices to begin building the Consortium timetable with the aim of meeting as many option choices as possible. In the spring term all successful external applicants will have a 1-2-1 meeting with a member of our Sixth Form Pastoral team

Yours faithfully

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