



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

HBS Current Student Post 16 Pathways Event – Wednesday 17th November 2021

As you are aware this year's annual Sixth Form Information Evening at Hitchin Boys' School has been postponed until Wednesday 17th November 2021 due to increased levels of COVID in the community.

However, in preparation for this day, we have launched the Hitchin 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 Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Christou, at your convenience. The website also contains 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 preparation for the postponed evening we will be holding a Post 16 Pathways assembly for all Year 11 students after half term and a Marketplace Pathway event during the day on Wednesday 17th November. This will allow students the opportunity to speak with current Year 13 students and staff about each of the courses offered. There will be representatives from YC Hertfordshire, Oaklands College, Shuttleworth College and an Apprenticeship Advisor present on this day so it is very important that all students attend, whatever their plans for Post 16.

Prior to this day students should select five or six courses they are interested in and research more about each course. Students should also utilise Unifrog to research their future career paths and what Post 16 qualifications will be appropriate for them.

After this day, you have until **Friday 26th November 2021** to submit your HBS Internal Student option 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 January students will have a one to one meeting to discuss their Post 16 plans and the information we collect from this form helps inform those conversations.

Head Teacher: Mr F Moane

We have also scheduled a Parents/Carers evening presentation from 5.00- 6.30pm where parents and carers will have the opportunity to listen to 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 courses and a brief synopsis of the UCAS process.

Students do not need to attend the evening as this is primarily an opportunity for you 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 Auditorium and will begin at 5pm prompt. Light refreshments will be available. Please email sdare@hitchinboys.co.uk 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. R. McPherson', written in a cursive style.

Mr A McPherson
KS5 Pastoral Lead