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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 A-Level Taster Day – Tuesday 11 July 2023

Over the next year, you and your child/ward will be starting to consider their post 16 options. This is a very exciting time, during which you both will consider in depth what they want from their future and what they will need to get there.

This can feel overwhelming and many students struggle to make decisions concerning subject choice. In order to support you both in making an informed decision, we are running an A -level taster day for our Year 10 cohort.

This is a perfect chance for students to try our sixth form and to help them make up their mind about what they would like to study before the main open evening in September of Year 11. Many of our current students tell us that they wish they had thought about their A-level options earlier, rather than leaving it until Year 11. The entire day will be dedicated to providing an experience of what it is like to study A-levels in their chosen subjects, as well as exploring our Sixth Form Centre and learning about our extra-curricular activities.

To ensure the day is valuable and tailored to individuals, we ask that your child/ward makes a 'top four' subject choice (please see below for the range of subjects being offered). During form time they will be asked to complete an online form in order to select the four options they most wish to attend. Due to timing constraints, they may not be able to choose every subject they wish to study at sixth form. Should they go on to apply for Sixth Form, we provide induction sessions in the summer term of Year 11 to allow them to attend subject sessions as indicated on their application form.

This day has been put together to provide them with an opportunity to experience what it would be like to study these subjects at a Sixth Form. Students therefore can attend in their own clothes (smart casual, dressing appropriately so as not to cause offence to any member of the school) and will enjoy learning something different for the day. For some practical courses they may be asked to bring suitable footwear or clothing for a particular session. Further details will be given to them after they have made their choices and options have been confirmed.

I hope you see this as a great opportunity to find out more about study beyond GCSEs and I look forward to welcoming students on Tuesday 11 July.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Linnell Head of Sixth Form

To: Y10 parents/carers

Year 10 A-level taster day: option choices
Art
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Core Maths
Design and Technology: Product Design
Drama
Economics
English Language
English Literature
French
Geography
German
Health and Social Care
History
Mathematics
Media Studies
Music/Sound Engineering
Philosophy and Ethics
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish