

Dear Student

Re: Sixth Form virtual taster week 6th – 10th July

The safety of staff and current and prospective students is our main priority; as a result, a decision has been made to cancel our Sixth Form Taster day this year. Although you are currently unable to visit us, we want to make sure that you are still able to discover what we have to offer and get answers to all of your questions from the safety of your own home.

Our July 2020 taster week is going virtual, offering you the chance to experience what learning in the Sixth Form will be like. You will be invited to attend virtual sessions, timetabled across the week, delivered by our experienced, friendly teachers and have the opportunity to find out more about the subjects you have chosen to study.

The week will begin with a virtual welcome assembly from the Head of Sixth Form and the rest of the Sixth Form Team. You will get the opportunity to meet your personal tutor and see other year 12 students who will be starting in September, albeit virtually! In the subject tasters, staff will go through individual subject expectations, the topics to be studied throughout the course and give you an exciting preview of what is ahead. It is expected that you will be set some research or similar work to be carried out over the summer holidays.

All virtual taster sessions will be approximately 30 minutes long. You will receive an invite link to each session shortly in your school email account. For external students, your invites will be sent to the email address you have provided on your application form.

The week will close with an opportunity to reflect in another short assembly. A final chance to meet the friendly team once again, share your experiences and get the answers to any final questions you may have.

We will shortly write to you again with a timetable of sessions and guidance on how to access each session. You may notice emails which inform you that you have been added to a 'team' in MS Teams. You do not have to respond to this email, this is us just getting everything ready to schedule the taster session for you.

As these sessions are virtual, I would like to remind you of the following expectations:

- You must use your school email address. For external students, please use the email address you have provided on your school application.
- You must be dressed appropriately; however, you are not expected to wear business dress.
- The location of your device must be appropriate.
- For safeguarding reasons please do not record the session.
- Please keep your microphone muted unless your teacher asks you to unmute.

We very much look forward to welcoming you into the Sixth Form in September and hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer break. Further information regarding results day and enrolment will be published shortly. The very best of luck to you for results day.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Keegan
Head of Sixth Form