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Dear student

RE: Sixth Form Update

I just wanted to take the opportunity to touch base and pass on some further information regarding our preparation for welcoming you into Year 12 in September. It is always sad to see a Year 13 cohort leave, but it is equally exciting to welcome a new group of talented individuals into the Sixth Form and I am really looking forward to having the opportunity to work with you. You have been such an impressive and pleasant year group throughout your time in school and I believe that you will flourish even more over the next two years.

As we will not be able to carry out the usual Sixth Form Induction days we are looking at alternative ways, in addition to the transition work that we have already made available, to help you prepare for life as a Sixth Former. As part of this I will be running a series of Zoom “Live Chat” sessions on **Thursday 2 July** where I will be available to answer any questions and queries in order for you to feel ready for next year. Links to join these sessions will be sent out shortly to your school email and you think it will be helpful you can choose to join the session that suits you best.

Thank you for submitting your most recent subject choices in the last few weeks. This has allowed us to construct our option blocks and our timetable in an attempt to create the best match across the year group. The option columns are found below and students can only choose one subject from each column.

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option E
Art/Graphics Biology Further Maths Geography English Literature Sociology Spanish EPQ	Chemistry Criminology History Media Psychology EPQ	Business Chemistry Drama Health and Social Care Photography Sociology EPQ	English Language Maths Physics Politics Psychology PE EPQ	Biology Criminology Computer Science Maths Geography EPQ

Students can also opt into an EPQ within a column, but must have a minimum of 3 subject choices in addition to this. An EPQ is also available for students selecting four choices. The EPQ will be launched to all students in September so that they can choose if this is a qualification that they wish to pursue. I do appreciate that

unfortunately the columns sometimes generate a clash for a minority of students, but often after discussion we may find a compromise and solution to the situation. If the columns affect you in this way please email me at dandrews@driffieldschool.org.uk and I will arrange to give you a call to discuss a way forward.

As mentioned previously entrance onto courses is dependent on students reaching the Sixth Form entry criteria of four grade 5s or above for A Level options and four grade 4s or above for vocational courses. Grade 6 is required at GCSE Science and Maths to be able to study A Level Science, or Maths and a grade 6 in Maths/Science is required to study Psychology.

Please continue to stay safe. Don't hesitate to email me with any questions, queries, or concerns you may have and I will do all I can to help. We will be sending out a further communication in a couple of weeks to let you know how GCSE results day and Sixth Form enrolment will take place.

As a final message, please could I ask you keep all text books that you may have for your subjects safe and we will organise collection of them at a later date so that we can resource next year's Year 11 students.

Yours sincerely

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