

April 2020

Dear Student

I hope that you and your family are keeping well during this difficult time. We are looking forward to a point in the future when we will be able to return to a more normal situation and see you all back in school.

Currently we are preparing for your transition into the Sixth Form and have begun construction of next year's timetable ready for you to begin your studies in Year 12.

I appreciate that your options may have changed since your initial application to the Sixth Form and I therefore wanted to provide an opportunity for students to revisit this on the link below. These options will not have to be your final choices and you will still be able to change them, even as we move into September, as we look to retain as much flexibility for you so that you can make the choices that are right for you. Please indicate your choices on the form, using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/driff-y12-options-2020>.

To support you with this process you will receive a telephone call over the next few days from an A-level specialist teacher in one of the subject areas you have indicated, or from me, to discuss these choices and to answer any queries you may have. You will be given an opportunity to further amend your options after receiving your GCSE results at our enrolment during August. Below is the list of subjects that will be on offer next year. You will also notice, as mentioned at the Open Evening and Information Evening that some subjects are now not being offered due to a lack of students selecting these options. If you need to discuss this further, please contact me at dandrews@driffieldschool.org.uk and I will arrange to call you and your parents.

Applied Science	Health and Social Care
Biology	History
Business	Maths
Chemistry	Media
Computer Science	Music
Criminology	PE
Drama	Photography
English Language	Politics
English Literature	Physics
Fine Art/Graphics	Psychology
Further Maths	Sociology
Geography	

We are also looking at making a major change to our curriculum offer in response to the current situation that we find ourselves in. I feel that the unique circumstances demand a unique curriculum. Consequently, for this year we have redesigned the timetable and will create an additional option column in order to enable students to choose four subjects at the

start of Year 12 and urge all students to consider this strongly. Often students can find it hard to choose their A Level options and usually students would have had a significant amount of additional teaching time and the exam experience still to go through, all of which help with the decision making process when selecting options. Students also often amend their options in light of the results gained after examinations. As these usual circumstances are different this year I feel that it may make it more difficult for you to make your decision. By encouraging students to select four subjects initially, with a view to probably dropping a subject at the end of Year 12, I believe it will provide all students with a greater degree of flexibility in ensuring that they are completing the subjects that they have the best chance of success in. You will still have the ability to choose just three options, if this is your preferred choice.

Please be aware of the transition work mentioned in Mrs Loftus' email. This has been designed by Sixth Form specialists to help to prepare you for A Level study. Feel free to try work from across a range of subjects if you are unsure of your option choices, as this may help you to make your decision. This work can be accessed in the "Year 11 Transition" folder located at:

<http://driffield.school-work.co.uk> Password: students

If you do have any concerns, or queries regarding the Sixth Form, please do not hesitate to contact me at dandrews@driffieldschool.org.uk and I will do all that I can to help.

I am really looking forward to getting back to normal next year and working with what I believe will be an outstanding group of Year 12 students. You have been impressive as a Year 11 student and I believe that with the continued support and care of the teachers who know you the best in the new setting of the Sixth Form environment, we can ensure you progress even further.

Take care

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

Mr D Andrews
Head of Sixth Form