

05 June 2019

Dear Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers,

**Re: Programme for Applicants to The New Sixth**

**Tuesday 25 June 2019 - Year 12 Taster Day**

We are writing to remind you that our taster day for The New Sixth will take place **on Tuesday 25 June from 9.00am – 2.00pm.**

We have an exciting programme planned and we are looking forward to having new and familiar faces joining us. We want to maximise our time together to inform and enthuse you about your studies for September and to give you a flavour of what we can offer you beyond your academic studies.

The day will begin with an **assembly** led by current Y12 students. They will give you an honest picture of what it is like to be an A level student at the New Sixth and offer some useful advice so that you can learn from their experiences and ensure you have a successful start in September.

There will then be some **time in tutor groups**. Your tutor is invaluable to you during A levels; they are your first contact point for support and will ultimately help you compile University or Apprenticeship applications. The sooner you start building a strong relationship with them the better.

This will be followed by an **information fayre** where representatives from all academic subjects and enrichment activities will be gathered so that you can speak to students currently studying the A levels you are most interested in. There will also be short presentations about Unifrog and Pathways, two key platforms that will greatly enhance your ability to consider your future opportunities.

Finally the day will end with an **informal mixer** with current Y12 students. There will be a BBQ lunch so please make us aware of any dietary requirements on the return slip below and we will ensure we cater for you. You may wish to bring some money with you as the atrium café will be open at break and lunch time to buy further refreshments and snacks.

This day is vital for familiarising yourself with the structure and the layout of the sixth form. It will also introduce you to the key members of staff who will support you throughout your time with us. The structure outlined above allows you time to feel confident and comfortable in your new environment and also time to revisit your options for A levels or explore possible alternatives. We expect all students who are intending to join The New Sixth to attend. We understand, however, that there may be very valid reasons why this is not possible for you, so please be reassured that if this is the case, your place at The New Sixth is still secure and should you have any questions ahead of September you can contact either Miss Butler or Mr Ackland using their emails below. If you are still undecided about your plans for next year, we would encourage you to come to our Taster Day in the hope that it will reassure you that the New Sixth is the right option for you.

On the day, please arrive and sign in at the desks in the Gateway atrium (to the left as you enter the school site) ready to **move to the main Hall at 9:15** for the assembly to start the day.

**You will not be required to wear uniform, but please dress sensibly with sensitivity to the school environment.** The New Sixth dress code is formal business attire and further details of the dress code will be given out on the day so that you can prepare for September. This is also accessible on our website.

**Thursday 22 August – GCSE Results Day and Sixth Form confirmation**

Please be reminded that you must confirm your place at the New Sixth on GCSE results day. Sixth Form staff will be available on that day, in school, to discuss any subject changes required or requested. If you are joining us from another Sixth Form, or are unable to attend on Results Day, we will need confirmation via email or phone that you wish to accept your place with us and you will need to arrange a visit to the school to bring your GCSE results with you. Please make contact with us on the day or if that's not possible as soon as possible afterwards. If you have attended St Gregory's or St Mark's for GCSEs, your place at the New Sixth is secure as long as you meet the entry requirements published in the Prospectus and Course Guide on our website.

**To aid our planning for the taster day, it is essential that you complete the attached reply slip to confirm your attendance. Please return it by post or email it to the Sixth Form Administrator, Mrs. Kate Nokes ([nokesk@st-gregorys.org.uk](mailto:nokesk@st-gregorys.org.uk)) by Wednesday 19 June at the latest.**

**Wednesday 4 September - Y12 Induction**

Term starts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for Year 12. This is your induction day and we have a programme prepared to help make the transition to A levels easier for you. The day will start at the later time of 9.15 and you will be expected to register in The Gateway Atrium before being directed to your tutor rooms.

In anticipation of the start of term, there will be work required for all A level courses that is to be completed over the summer. This information will be published to our website before the end of the summer term and information will be shared with you to help you access this. Staff will expect this to be completed ready for lessons in the second week of term.

We look forward to seeing you on June 25.

Yours sincerely



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Please reply by post or email by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June to  
Mrs. Kate Nokes, Sixth Form Administrator:  
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Year 12 Induction Day – Tuesday 25 June 2018

<b>APPLICANT'S NAME:</b>	
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Please tick as appropriate:

I will be attending the induction day. (Please include any dietary requirements that we need to be aware of)	
I am not able to attend the induction day but intend (or am likely) to come to The New Sixth.	
I have decided <b>not</b> to attend The New Sixth.	