

09 July 2019

Dear Year 11 Students, (Cc. Parents and Carers),

### **Applicants to The New Sixth**

We hope that you have been enjoying the benefit of a long summer after the intensity of the examination period. Whilst there is still a long time left to enjoy, I wanted to make sure that all students are looking forward to September and have all the information they need to make a positive start at The New Sixth.

### **Taster Day**

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to those of you that joined us for our Taster Day in June. I hope that you found the day both informative and enjoyable. It was wonderful to see such a buzz of enthusiasm at the Information fayre as new students spoke with current A level students about the subjects they are interested in. A delicious ice cream and fun on the inflatables seemed a fitting end for what was a fantastic day.

### **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.

### **Summer work**

To help you to prepare for the start of term, all subjects have set work to be completed ready for the first week back in September. Do remember that A levels are a significant step up from GCSEs and you are likely to find the summer work challenging. Try your best and do what you can as this is the beginning of the process of building the skills needed for success post 16.

You can access the work by visiting our website and clicking on Summer Assignments under Latest News (<http://www.newsixthbath.org.uk/2019/07/summer-assignments-for-incoming-year-12s/>). **Please be advised that over the summer, the New Sixth website is being incorporated into the St Gregory's website. Once transferred you will be redirected to the new site and the Summer Work will again be linked under Latest News.**

### **Subject choices**

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Some of you may already have reconsidered the subjects you would like to study with us. Results day might prompt some of you to make a change. For your information, please see included at the end of this letter the option blocks that the Y12 timetable will be working to in September 2019. Students cannot study more than one subject per column.

Please do not worry if you are still undecided; it is possible to reconsider your subject choices up to two weeks into the start of term.

### 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. You are expected to dress in line with The Sixth Form Dress Code, full details of which are available on our website, which prioritises formal, professional wear.

We look forward to seeing you on June 25.

Yours sincerely



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### A level Option Blocks for 2019/20

A	B	C	D
Physics	Maths	Chemistry	Biology
Psychology	History	Psychology	Business
Sociology	P & E	Music*	Drama***
Politics	Geography	Photography*	Geography
		English Lang & Lit	Dance***
		PE**	Fine Art

\* To be studied at Prior Park College from September 2019

\*\* PE may run dependent on there being sufficient interest in the course by students confirming their place at The New Sixth on Results Day.

\*\*\* For students wishing to study Dance and Drama, please speak to the Performing Arts department.