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Dear Parent/Carer

I have today spoken to Year 11 about the next steps in the application process for our Sixth Form College. The attached application form outlines the courses available and should be completed and returned to form tutors by Friday 14th February 2020.

I am pleased with the breadth of subjects offered this year. These were carefully selected to ensure career pathways are open to all university and apprenticeship courses. These traditional A Level courses with an excellent track record of success are supported by the vocational courses in ICT and Health and Social Care. We also offer the bridge course, a selection of GCSE re-sits to strengthen the level 2 portfolio of results for those students that need it. In addition we offer a range of extra-curricular activities in sport, drama, EPQ, music, prefects and school service that enhances the education of our students.

It is important that all students consider their choices very carefully and take time to discuss this with both you and their teachers. They should consider their suitability for their chosen subjects and think about any future career plans. Once all the application forms are in we will interview each student to discuss their choices and offer any additional advice or guidance. Offers of places will then be made before the Easter holidays, these offers are dependent on entry grades being achieved in the summer.

These offers fall into 3 categories:

1. Offer made subject to entry requirements being met
2. Further interview with parents required to clarify some issues before offer is made
3. Rejection with alternative courses being offered

In order to study level 3 courses in the Sixth Form at Thirsk School and Sixth Form College students are expected to have achieved 5 level 4 - 9 GCSE grades including a grade 5 in their chosen subjects. In addition, any student wishing to study A level Maths needs at least a 6 in GCSE Maths. The bridge programme is an exception to this with no academic entry requirements.

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact me at school at gordon.pentland@thirskschool.org

Yours sincerely

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