



November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like you to be aware of the Options Process for the 2021 intake into our Sixth Form. The calendared Open Evening for the 5th November will not be taking place, instead it is being replaced by the events outlined below that should ensure you are very aware of the subjects and opportunities our students have here in the Sixth Form. Despite lockdown last year, we actually continued to grow the number of students in the College so we are confident that you will be reassured by the process.

The application process before Christmas allows students to select their subjects from a long list. The information gained from this is used to identify which subjects are viable. Due in by the 11th December the Options slip attached is critical to this process both in terms of subjects selected and their priority. Over Christmas, the Option Blocks are constructed and then released to Year 11 in the New Year.

To clarify, not all of the subjects on this Option Form will run. It is directly dependent on the numbers of students interested in them. Traditional core subjects are offered every year but each cohort typically puts its own identity into the subjects that are available. Students will then formally apply to the College in February next year.

Making this subject choice is important. Students need to be informed of their subjects and the information provided by the events listed below should support their decision. In addition, information from the Year 11 Parents' Evening, Mock Exams and email contact to their subject teachers will be available.

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| Wednesday 4th November | Subject Offer released. Summary of the subjects available released to students. This document is due to be returned by the end of Friday 11 th December. |
| Thursday 12 th November | Facebook Live Event – 5:00pm. Allows you to meet the Sixth Form team, ask questions and hear directly from students. |
| Thursday 19 th November | Message to the students. Mr Pentland will speak to Year 11 to clarify the application process. |
| Monday 23 rd November | Virtual Tour. A new way to look at a Sixth Form with a digital tour of the College and the subjects on offer. |



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There is a lot of information in this letter and a lot more information on its way to you. At this stage, we are looking to get discussions going at home and in school to get this important process started. Please feel free to email me in school (gordon.pentland@thirskschool.org) if you have any questions about the process.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Pentland
Head of Sixth Form College

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