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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are safe and well. I am writing to let you know that we have just begun to offer pupils in Year 11 introductory sessions to their Sixth Form course of study. A few have started taking place this past week and teachers have reported back to me how enthusiastic those that have attended have been. We feel it will give Year 11 a gentle transition into A level work as they gain some insight into the areas of study, and hopefully they can do some further reading over the summer so that they are in a good place to start the term with us in September.

Teachers have been given the list of who opted to study their subject next year and have already made contact, or will be doing so shortly, to let them know when the sessions are running. We are doing the same offer for those intending to pursue BTEC and IB. If your child hasn't heard from the teacher yet then they just need to email the teacher and ask them when it is on. You will recall I sent out a list of all the teachers' emails at the end of last term. Your child is most likely to know them anyway but they may be opting for a subject that is not available at GCSE so they will need to look up who teaches that, or they can simply ask their tutor in tutor time for assistance in sorting this out. The sessions are being recorded and made available so they can catch up if they miss one.

The option blocks are finalised which means that a change of subject choice now can only happen if they work within the final blocks. From experience we find that the best time to look at changes is at the start of term during the Sixth Form Induction programme, as we build in time for students to attend department sessions for guidance if they want to make a change and at that stage they have their GCSE results to further inform them. However, provided it does fit in the blocks, students can ask the teacher if they may attend the online introductory session in a subject they are thinking of changing too if they wish. They should discuss this with their tutor first.

Kind regards,

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