

May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, we will be beginning post-16 destinations work. We encourage all pupils to think carefully about their next steps, fully exploring all available options.

For many pupils the most logical step will be to attend Forge Valley Sixth Form, for which entry requirements are 5 grade 4s and above, including English and Maths. Being Forge Valley pupils gives priority over those applying from other schools.

To ensure that pupils and parents are fully aware of our Sixth Form offer we will be holding a number of events.

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Sixth Form introductory assembly
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Apprenticeship assembly
- **Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Personal Development lesson to explore the subjects/opportunities offered at Forge Valley Sixth Form
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 10 parents' evening: The Sixth Form Team will give short presentations in the Lecture Theatre and be available for general advice, along with a careers advisor. The aim of this session will be to help you support your child in their preparation or completing their applications to post-16 providers in Y11
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Sixth Form taster day for Year 10 pupils

On our taster day, timings of the day will remain the same, but instead of their usual lessons, pupils will attend 5 introductory A Level lessons, which they will have chosen during Personal Development in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**Sixth Form dress code (for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June only):** As pupils will be Sixth Form student for the day, they will need to follow the Sixth Form smart/casual dress code, therefore we would ask you to observe the following:

- Clothing must be appropriate for school environment
- No revealing tops (this would include crop tops or tops with no straps)
- No offensive logos
- No short skirts or shorts – as a guide, the length should be mid-thigh at its shortest
- Outdoor clothing to be removed during formal sessions
- No headphones

At break and lunchtime pupils are welcome to use Café 6, our Sixth Form only café. However, as this will get very busy pupils will also be allowed to use the usual canteen facilities as usual.

The Sixth Form team are available at any stage of the application process to support and offer advice as needed. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



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