

INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICATIONS TO JOIN THE SIXTH FORM IN SEPTEMBER 2009

FOR YEAR 11 GIRLS AT ELLEN WILKINSON SCHOOL

The SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING for girls and their parents takes place on **THURSDAY 26th FEBRUARY**.

This really is an ideal opportunity to find out everything you need to know and answer all the questions you may have about life after GCSEs.

There will be a video about the sixth form, and brief presentations by the Head, the Head of Sixth Form and the Head Girl (Anna Senkiw). This will start at 6.30pm in the main hall.

Afterwards you will be able to visit all departments offering sixth form courses and talk to the Heads of Department, subject teachers and sixth form students about courses, subject combinations and higher education and careers prospects. All departments will have prepared information which will explain in detail what the different subjects are all about, and the skills, knowledge and understanding you will develop as you study the courses.

You will be able to find out about the range of thirty A Levels, the new Society and Health Diploma, and the level 2 courses which we offer in the sixth form.

This year we will also be introducing the new AQA Baccalaureate which is an exciting package of qualifications and experience including A Levels, AS Critical Thinking, (or General Studies, or Citizenship) , an Extended Project and 100 hours of enrichment involving at least three different activities.

Most sixth formers take the opportunity to take on responsibility, such as prefects, paired reading or charity work, seek new challenges such as Envision or the Fulcrum Challenge, or take part in well established activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Young Enterprise, or the National Bar Mock Trial competition. Most of these activities can be counted towards the Baccalaureate and you will be able to question sixth formers about what they have been doing.

A letter will be sent out shortly to tell your parents about the evening.



ENRICHMENT DAY

On the 11th of February normal lessons will be suspended and you will have the opportunity to try six A Level subject tasters to give you an idea about what it will be like to study a subject at A Level. This will be particularly useful if you want to try a new subject. In fact many of our A level subjects can be taken without any previous knowledge or experience, although you will still need to gain appropriate GCSE grades. For instance, if you want to study A level Psychology you must have a grade C in Maths. Details of the GCSE qualifications you need are given later.

The Society and Health Diploma, and the Level 2 courses in Business Studies and Travel and Tourism

There will be a special day for all girls interested in these courses. Please watch out for further information.

The Sixth Form Prospectus

All of you will receive a copy of our prospectus which you should take home to read with your parents. It contains a lot of general information about the sixth form. New information is included in a folder at the back of the prospectus, and you will be able to collect subject information pamphlets from the departments on the open evening.

Application form

This will be given to you with the prospectus, but you will also be able to download a copy from the web site.

These must be completed by **Friday, 6th March** and handed to your Form Tutor or directly to Mr Turner.

Interviews

All girls who apply to the Sixth Form will be interviewed by the Sixth Form management Team. This is not a selection interview, but is intended to give you a first opportunity to individually discuss what you want to do in the sixth Form, and to answer your questions.



Offer of a place

After your interview you will receive a letter offering you a place in the Sixth Form to study the subjects you have chosen. It will also give you the grades you will need to achieve in order to take these subjects.

Please remember that you will have right to change your subjects after your GCSE results in August, and every girl will have another interview during enrolment in September to ensure that you choose the right course for you.

Please make sure you are well informed about all aspects of your future - there are lots of people you can talk to .

Apart from your parents there is your form tutor and your Divisional Head, there is Istar your Connexions adviser, subject tutors and Heads of Department, as well as numerous sixth formers and the sixth form team - Mr Turner (Head of Sixth Form), Mr Jarvis Deputy Head of Sixth Form and Head of Sociology, Psychology and Health and Social Care, and Ms Norman who has particular responsibility for the One Year (Level 2) students.

This information will be updated throughout the next few weeks.

