



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

LICHFIELD

YEAR 11 ⇨ YEAR 12 OPTIONS EVENING

WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2015

7.00pm – 9.00pm in BADER HALL

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Sixth Form Options Evening is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 11th November 2015**. During the evening there will be presentations given by Mr Butler, Assistant Headteacher (Head of Sixth Form) and Miss Williamson, Achievement Leader Year 12 and Year 13. The first of these is scheduled to take place at 7.00pm; this will be repeated at 8.30pm in Bader Hall. This evening provides both parents and students with an opportunity to speak to the Head of Sixth Form, representatives of subjects and current sixth form students about post-16 studies at King Edward VI School. The presentations will include a brief, introductory talk from Mr Butler and Miss Williamson covering general Sixth Form issues, along with information about the curriculum on offer.

During the first week back after half-term the Sixth Form Prospectus will be made available to all students and we encourage them to explore the range of opportunities available to them. The prospectus provides an overview of the courses offered by the school along with information about entrance requirements and should help students to make one of the most important decisions so far in their school career. Therefore, parents are asked to plan their evenings in such a way that they attend one or other of the talks – either before or after speaking to subject teachers. Individuals wanting to speak at length to subject staff are advised to visit departments at the start of the evening and attend the second talk as subject areas do become very busy as the evening goes on. Parents and students are encouraged to visit departments to speak to staff about the requirements of specific courses. Information regarding subject bases will be available at Bader reception throughout the evening. The Sixth Form Common Room located in the Sixth Form Centre will be open for general information regarding Complementary Studies and University Applications.

There have been substantial changes in the last few years and further changes this year will mean that the vast majority of A-levels will become two year courses. We would encourage all Year 11 students and parents to attend the Options evening to ensure they are fully informed on changes to the curriculum and grade requirements for suitable courses.

There are a number of key dates for Year 11 students' next half-term. These are:

Monday 2nd November - Friday 6th November 2015

Wednesday 11th November 2015

Monday 16th November - Friday 27th November 2015

Monday 7th December 2015

Year 11 subject information week (*in lessons*)

6th Form Options Evening

Year 11 Pathways Interviews with Tutors

Application Deadline for Year 12 places in 2016

The Sixth Form at King Edward VI has pass rates amongst the best in Staffordshire, in 2015 at over 99% with 52% of all Advanced Level entries achieved at grade A* - B. In the most recent Ofsted inspection the Sixth Form was recognised as good and that students achieved well because teaching is at least good and often outstanding. The Sixth Form at King Edward VI is a proven ground for success and in the last couple of years well over three quarters of Sixth Form Students have attained places on University courses of their choice.

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All students are encouraged to attend this evening and investigate post-16 studies at King Edward VI School. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you require any additional information. I look forward to meeting you and hopefully providing pastoral support and guidance for your child during their Sixth Form studies.

Yours faithfully

Ms J Rutherford
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