



The Sutton Academy

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Principal: Mr Paul Willerton



20th October 2020

Dear Parent and Student

Year 11 is an exciting time for our students who are no doubt starting to seriously think about their 'next steps'. Choosing the correct Sixth form provider for your child is an important decision and we want to ensure that you have enough advice and guidance to make an informed choice. Last week I delivered a virtual 'Why Us?' assembly to Year 11 about why we feel that our significantly overubscribed Sixth Form should be the first choice post 16 provider for many if not all of our students. If you and (student) are considering The Sutton Academy Sixth form, this letter details what you can expect from us over the coming months.

Although our online applications for September 2021 are officially open, we have a number of events planned which will guide you through this journey into Sixth Form. Given the current circumstances, we will be unable to run our annual Sixth Form Open evening this year. Whilst this is disappointing, we have planned for all year 11 students to attend a **Sixth Form Fayre on November 12th 2020**. They will attend the fayre following a presentation from myself and will be able to speak to a number of different subject areas about the courses they offer. Whilst we are unable to invite parents to this event, we would like you to have the opportunity to meet with sixth form teachers virtually to discuss your (student) post 16 subject choices. By following the link below, you can select up to 4 subjects, and I will arrange **virtual appointments** for you with a specialist teacher between **6 and 8 pm on November the 12th 2020**. Details of how to access these virtual appointments will be sent to you closer to the time, but I would urge you to wait until these conversations have taken place before submitting an application.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KLF38P6>

The link to sign up for virtual open evening appointments will close at 5pm on Wednesday 4th Novemebr 2020

With this letter, I have enclosed our '**Journey into Sixth Form**' leaflet that details the follow up events that will take place in the coming months to support student name in making the right choices. You will see that in **February 2021**, all Year 11 students will have an indepth one to one meeting with either myself or Mrs Dempsey, Director of Sixth Form to dicuss their post 16 subject choices. During this '**Destination Interview**' we will let student name know if he/she is eligible for a place at The Sutton

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Academy Sixth Form based on their most recent round of tracking. We will share further details of any courses that they may be interested in studying post 16 and all eligible students will be given a personal invitation for our '**Welcome to Sixth Form Day**' which will take place in **March 2021**.

We are very proud of our Sixth Form and attending here will provide (student) with the opportunities and encouragement they need to reach their full potential. We hope that you will seriously consider The Sutton Academy Sixth form as your first choice for the next phase of (student's) education.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Grace
Vice Principal

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