

28 June 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## **Stepping Up to Year 11**

Next week we are prioritising our students closest to GCSE and A' levels for the coming Strike Days on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July. We are looking forward to working with your son/daughter to prepare for a successful work experience week and great academic progress for all in Year 11.

As Assistant Principal with responsibility for Year 11 students' academic progress, I am very keen to use both days to benefit your Year 10 child at this crucial point in their educational journey. Our current Year 11 students have just finished their GCSEs and are excited to celebrate at prom this week, which reminds us all that our Year 10s have less than twelve months to prepare for the exams that will support their ambitions for the future.

We expect all our Year 10 students to be present on these two days when the staff in school can dedicate their time solely to this year group and make best use of College facilities with them. Our current Year 11 cohort commented very favourably on the days they had in school last term with the whole building to themselves! Students may wear their own clothes or PE kit, as there will be some sports organised for the afternoon sessions on 5 July. All students arriving by 8.30am on 5 and 7 July will also receive a free lunch on that day.

During these days, we will offer students a mix of taught lessons and study time as well as some input on study skills, planning for the future and careers guidance. There will be also a choice of sports sessions on Wednesday afternoon for all students who work well during the morning, so students should bring PE kit, or wear suitable clothing. A visit to us from the National Farmers' Union is being planned for Wednesday, as is a visit to Chichester College for a small group on Friday 7 July, conditional on students attending on Wednesday 5 July. The arrangements will be explained to the students in this week in assembly as well.

Yours sincerely

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