



## HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NDB/SEM

Dear Parent/Carer

October 2018

### **Sixth Form Open Evening**

I am writing to explain the admission arrangements for the sixth form in advance of our Open Evening on Thursday 25 October. The publicised time for the start of the Open Evening is 6.45pm with the first presentation at 7.00pm. However, as it is usually a very busy occasion with students from many schools attending, there will also be an unpublicised additional talk for students in our Year 11 commencing at 6.30pm. Should you want to attend the first talk, I would advise you to arrive at school at 6.15pm in order to be seated in time for the talk to begin. There will be four talks throughout the evening, with the first one commencing at 6.30pm and the final one commencing at 8.00pm.

It is of course our hope that all of our year 11 students will enter the sixth form and consequently when places are allocated in subjects which are oversubscribed our own students are given priority over students from other schools. Having said that, it is worth mentioning that we are in the process of moving to a smaller and more selective sixth form as we feel that this is what plays most to our strengths, as exhibited in our outstanding GCSE results and as demonstrated in an exceptional A\*-B result of 67% last year from those students who continued with us into Year 13. Places in our sixth form will therefore be limited to 250; and the entry criteria have been raised. However, at this stage it is important to ensure that A-level subjects are chosen with care to reflect each student's abilities, interests and career intentions, and we will provide all possible support and guidance to our students to ensure that the best decisions are made. The Open Evening is a fundamental part of this process, and will provide an opportunity to meet with teachers and find out more information about the courses that your son or daughter is interested in. We hope that all parents and students will be able to attend.

Further information regarding Year 11 parents' evening and sixth form consultation meetings taking place in January will be communicated in December.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 25 October for a busy evening that should enable you to start guiding your son or daughter down the most appropriate route for them.

Yours sincerely

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