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Dear Year 11 Student and Parent/Carer,

Sixth Form Taster Day – Wednesday 2 December

On Wednesday 2 December, all Year 11 students will take part in our Sixth Form Taster Day instead of following their usual timetable. The day is designed to help students make informed decisions about their Post-16 education by giving them the opportunity to experience A Level lessons in their prospective subjects and gain a valuable insight into life at Heckmondwike Grammar School Sixth Form.

We are extremely proud of the education and opportunities available through our Sixth Form and hope that the day will help students develop a clearer understanding of what they can expect should they choose to continue their studies with us.

Preparation and Subject Choices

Students will attend an assembly on Wednesday 18 November, during which we will explain the arrangements for the Taster Day and provide guidance on selecting their subjects.

Students will have the opportunity to experience four A Level subjects, with each taster lesson lasting approximately one hour. They will also have one non-contact period, during which they will receive a tour of the Jo Cox Centre (JCC) and have the opportunity to work on their Sixth Form personal statements.

Students will remain in the JCC during this period, where members of the Sixth Form Team will be available to answer questions and provide support.

Students must select their four preferred subjects by completing the online form linked in this letter no later than 9:00 am Thursday 19 November.

Practical Arrangements

On the Taster Day, the Jo Cox Centre will be open from 8:00am until 3:15pm. Students should travel to and from school as normal and are expected to follow the Sixth Form dress code, which is attached for reference.

Students are welcome to bring a packed lunch or purchase food and snacks from the JCC during break and lunchtime, as they would during a normal school day.
s part of Sixth Form life, our Post-16 students are normally permitted to leave the school site during break and lunchtime, reflecting the greater independence and responsibility expected of them.

We would like to offer Year 11 students the same opportunity during the Taster Day, subject to parental consent. If you are happy for your son or daughter to leave the school site during these times, please indicate your consent using the online form.

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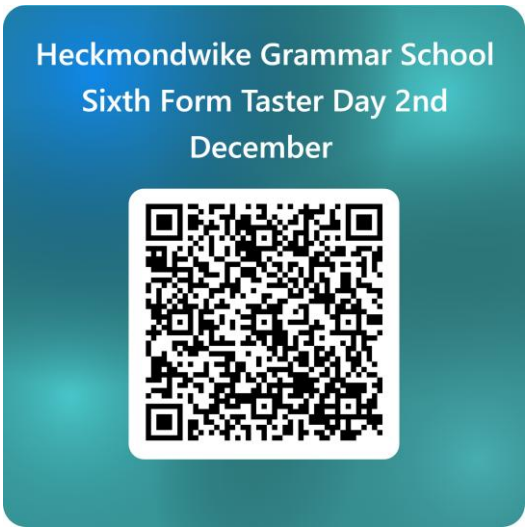
The form includes both subject selection and parental consent and must be completed by Thursday 19th November. Students who do not have parental consent will be expected to remain on the school site throughout the day.

Please scan the QR code below to access the form:



We look forward to welcoming students to our Sixth Form and hope that the day provides an enjoyable and informative introduction to the next stage of their education.

Yours sincerely,

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