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Dear Parent

I am writing to you at this early stage of the academic year to encourage you to plan for your son/daughter's next step after Year 11, and to introduce the application and induction process for the Associated Sixth Form of St Aidan's and St John Fisher. Clearly the main focus of this year will be GCSE study, but it is important that parents and students explore the various opportunities for post-16 study and employment carefully before decisions are taken.

To help this process, Sixth Form Senior Tutors will visit Year 11 tutor groups regularly to discuss options within the Associated Sixth Form. There will also be individual consultations between careers staff and individual students, and a series of information-giving events will be held in school, from assembly presentations to discussions with current sixth form students. With this letter you should receive an Associated Sixth Form prospectus: there will also be an Information Evening on Thursday 16 February. Please note that the forthcoming Open Morning has been introduced to offer students who are currently studying at other schools in the area an introduction to the St Aidan's site and facilities: there is no need for current St Aidan's students and their parents to attend.

Students who wish to remain in school for the Sixth Form will be asked to complete an application form for the Associated Sixth Form during a registration period early in March. It is important that the subject choices indicated at this stage are as accurate as possible, as this information will be used as the basis for our timetable provision for next year. It may be possible to change subject options after this, but we cannot always guarantee places on popular courses.

In May, Sixth Form Senior Tutors will visit tutor groups to outline expectations of the Sixth Form and to address any remaining concerns or queries. Students will then have an opportunity to review their results in August prior to enrolment at the beginning of September.

I hope that this introductory information is useful to you. Parents are of course welcome to discuss their son's/daughter's plans, either at the scheduled Year 11 Parents' Evenings or by appointment with Careers or Sixth Form staff.

Yours sincerely



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