



Dear Year 11 Student

I do hope you are well and that you are continuing to stay safe and look after your families and friends. The purpose of this letter to you is to set out arrangements for Sixth Form Induction Taster Days for those of you who have applied for a place in September.

Following the recent government announcements, we have reluctantly concluded that we won't be able to run our usual face to face induction for the record numbers of students who have applied to join Kimberley Sixth Form. We have instead planned for you a virtual induction which will run in two phases:

Phase 1 – Starting to prepare for studying in Kimberley Sixth Form

Phase 1 of your virtual induction is happening now. This is the time when you can start to prepare yourself for the Sixth Form. We have already shared resources with you that you should be using now. These are set out below, if you haven't accessed them please do so as soon as possible.

- **[Advice for students joining Kimberley School Sixth Form](#):** The best people to tell you about our sixth form are our students. In this short video message, Sixth Form students tell you about their experience in the Sixth Form including: What they like about the Sixth Form, how they are making the most of their time in the Sixth Form, and what advice they would give to someone starting here in September
- The **[new Kimberley Sixth Form Centre](#)**: You will be the first students to make use of this brand new, purpose built, sixth form facility. We remain on track to open the centre in September and we have created a page on our website where we will keep you up to date with progress and share videos with you as the building develops.
- **[Step up to Sixth Form](#)**: These are a set of activities for each subject area which will help you prepare for the subjects you will be taking from September. By completing these you will be developing a wider knowledge base that will really help you to make a great start to studying these courses next year. They will also be a good way of helping you to get back into good study habits.

Phase 2 – Virtual Induction Days. Monday 6th and 7th July.

These Virtual Induction Days will replace the time that you would have had in school. You will be able to take part in a variety of activities designed to help you make sure that you have all of the information you need to enable you to start in our Sixth Form in September

- **The Kimberley Experience.** In this short film, the Sixth Form leadership team will take you through key areas you need to know about Sixth Form life. You will find out about the tutorial system, work experience, careers guidance, enrichment opportunities, and how we will support you throughout your time with us. We will share this film with you online at the start of the Induction Day

- **The Kimberley Experience - Questions and Answers.** Once you have watched the video there will be an opportunity for you to join a group chat where you can ask the sixth form leadership team any questions you have about the Sixth Form.
- **Subject taster videos:** During a normal induction day, students would attend taster lessons for each of their chosen subjects. The good news is you can still do this by watching the introductory course videos for all the courses you have chosen.
- **Subject Q&A:** As an additional measure of support, you will have the option of joining a group chat relating to any of the courses you are considering. These chats will run over the induction taster days and should allow us to respond quickly and accurately to any subject-specific questions that you have.
- **1-1 Advice and Guidance:** Finally, if you have any questions or need some advice and guidance you will be able to request this and you will be booked in for a 1-1 telephone conversation with an appropriate member of staff.

Although this experience will be no substitute for what we can normally offer, we hope that this will provide you with all the information you need to be prepared for next year. Please do be reassured that teachers are already preparing for next year and they will be well placed to work with you in the next two years to ensure that you are successful in your chosen subjects.

Please do make sure that you keep your diaries clear for the 6th and 7th July. It will be helpful if you have access to a desktop computer, laptop or tablet for these two days. We will be in touch with more information in the coming weeks, including the details of the timetables and how can access the videos and Q&A activities.

If you do have any questions, then please do contact anyone from the Sixth Form Team:

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Take care



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