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Dear Parent/Carer

Last term we held our virtual Sixth Form open evening. The information, including all of the department videos, can be found on the school website by following this [link](#). As you may be aware we were planning to offer taster lessons for A level subjects, so that students would be able to make a more informed choice when they apply. The current lock down measures have meant that we will not be in a position to do this.

Instead, during the week commencing 25 January, there will be a second short video presentation by Curriculum Leaders about each subject. This will give more detail about what will be studied, how it will be assessed and informing students about the differences between studying A levels and GCSEs. There will be no set timetable for this, the links to the videos will be sent to students on their Teams account so that students can watch each video at a time that is convenient to them.

In addition to this each, subject teacher will also be informing students about the differences between GCSE and A level study. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions to staff via Teams or e mail. Students will then be able to make a more informed choice before applying to the Sixth Form. If your child has already applied and wants to change their subject choice then they simply need to withdraw their application and send a new one in with the correct subjects.

For those students who are thinking of applying to college, then there is a document that contains links to all the local colleges on their Form Team page.

Can I remind you that your child should apply for the Sixth Form using Start to Apply, the deadline is 8 February. If your child is applying to college then they can apply on line to the college directly or through Start to Apply.

If you have any questions then please contact one of us.

Yours sincerely

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