



15 September 2025

Dear parent/guardian/carer

Re: Sixth Form Parent Information Evening

We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Sixth Form information evening, designed to help both students and parents prepare for the crucial transition to post-16 education. This event is scheduled for **Monday 22 September at 6pm** in the school Theatre.

It is important to keep informed of the changes and challenges that lie ahead. Our evening will provide valuable insights into the learning process, the structure of post-16 courses, and how you can best support your child.

The event will be structured into four informative sections:

1. How we learn – led by Mrs K Dolman (Director of Teaching & Learning)

- **How we learn:** a guide to cognitive load theory and a reminder of the study skills already mastered by our students.
- **Optimising Learning:** discover the research-driven strategies we use to enhance student learning.
- **Independent Learning:** learn how we cultivate skills that enable students to learn independently, a crucial aspect of success in post-16 study.

2. Applying Learning – led by Mr D Attrill, (Director of Intervention)

- **Syllabus Design:** how our curriculum is crafted to minimise stress and cognitive load.
- **Reducing the Forgetting Curve:** explore the pathways and strategies we use to help students retain information.
- **Parental Support:** practical tips on how you can support your child's learning at home.

3. Meet the key staff involved with the Sixth Form

We believe this event will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of what lies ahead and how to best support your child through the academic year. Your involvement and support are invaluable as we work together to ensure your child's success.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Attrill
Director of Intervention