

To: Parents/Carers of Year 11

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

Saint Benedict Catholic School Sixth Form Open Evening

I do hope that your child has settled well into Year 11, and I am sure they are working hard towards the next phase of their journey. They will by now, be having conversations about their future and Post 16 pathway. We have many avenues of support within school to help those conversations and all students will receive 1:1 support from our career's advisor.

When is the Open Evening?

On Monday 18th October, we will publish our virtual open evening page on our website so that you have the opportunity to find out all about our Sixth Form before our online live event on Thursday 21st October. This page will remain available right up until the deadline for applications so that you and your child can visit it as many times as you wish.

This will include a Sixth Form home page where you can expect to find

- Subject entry requirements
- Subject option blocks
- Online application form
- o A message from Mr Gritton Headteacher
- o A message from Mrs Robinson Head of Sixth Form
- A message from our Head Boy and Head Girl telling you about themselves and their experiences at Saint Benedict Sixth Form
- o Virtual tour of our Sixth Form centre
- Student handbook

There will be separate pages for each of our curriculum areas, and in there you can expect to find

- o An overview of each course
- A demonstration of course content
- Individual entry requirements
- Live Q&A with the Director of Learning for each subject area

On Thursday 21st October at 6pm, we will run a live presentation on Microsoft Teams for all parents and carers. This will include a presentation from Mr Gritton, Mrs Robinson and our Head Boy and Head Girl. You will also have an opportunity to meet key staff from our Sixth Form team. During the presentation, there will be a live Q&A stream, which you can use to ask any questions about the Sixth Form.







From 6:30 PM Curriculum leaders will be available for a live Q&A, they will be on hand to

Why is Open Evening online this year?

In the absence of any national guidance, we must navigate our own way through how we will run parents' events during this term whilst we remain in a pandemic. The Sixth Form open evening is a huge event that brings together children and families from schools across Derby City and Derbyshire. In order to ensure we continue to keep everyone safe, we have elected to run the event virtually.

I would like to visit the Sixth Form before I make my application

We will be offering a limited number of tours of the Sixth Form should you wish to visit us in person before making an application. The details of these will be shared at the open evening event, and there will be the opportunity to sign up to an allocated time on the webpage.

Our Sixth Form

At Saint Benedict we pride ourselves on a happy and supportive Sixth Form where our young people are at the heart of all that we do. As a Catholic school and Sixth Form, we use the life of Christ as our inspiration and our values of love, acceptance and forgiveness can be seen in every aspect of our work. We look forward to showing you our wonderful Sixth Form and I do hope you find the information we publish on the website on Monday 18th October useful. We are looking forward to meeting you virtually at the live online presentation at 6pm on the Thursday 21st October.

Yours sincerely



Head of Sixth Form



