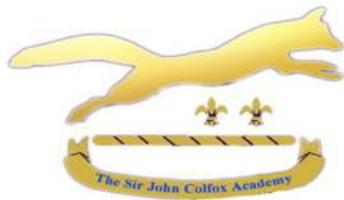


The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Thursday, 02 July 2020

Dear Students and Parents,

By this time in the school calendar, students in Year 11 would have enjoyed an **induction day** preparing them for life in the Joint Sixth Form.

To replace this, I would like to invite students to a **virtual induction**, taking place via Microsoft TEAMS on **Thursday 9th July at 11am** and last no more than 45 minutes. Invitations will go out to students shortly via TEAMS and **students will need to check their school email accounts for the invite**. Students should accept this invitation if at all possible. Students will have a 'full' induction at the start of the new term, but this TEAMS event will give them some important information, further advice about how to prepare themselves for Post-16 study and also give them a chance to ask me any questions that they might have before September.

The numbers for Year 12 in 2020 are looking very positive. The existing Year 12 cohort is substantial, and the new sixth form looks like being a vibrant, high-achieving and exciting group of students. I am looking forward to working with such a strong group of learners, helping them to settle in to new courses, develop new friendships and perhaps explore avenues of leadership that will help them grow their potential and impress future employers and universities.

Students will notice a marked difference in how they are expected to study in the Sixth Form. They are expected to manage their own time carefully, engaging with studies in a critical and disciplined manner and developing their study habits successfully. One of the very few benefits of lockdown has been the opportunity for students to develop their independent learning skills and we will build upon this next year. It is important to stress that we take the support and nurturing of our young people very seriously in the Joint Sixth Form and the teaching staff across the two sites will help students manage their transition.

If students have had a change of mind about the courses they wish to follow next year, **it is very important to contact me as soon as possible** as numbers in groups might make changes difficult:

teasdalea@colfox.dorset.sch.uk .

Important Dates:

Thursday 20th August: GCSE Results Day

All student offers of a place in the Joint Sixth Form are conditional and based on results. School staff will be available on the day to discuss any issues. I will be available on the day and for individual appointments the following week.

Monday 7th September

Yeovil Partnership students travel to Yeovil for induction. The bus to Yeovil will leave Colfox at 8.50am. A Level and BTEC Sport students will meet in the Sixth Form Centre at 8.45am. Students will have photographs taken for ID badges and fingerprints captured for electronic registration purposes. Students will meet their tutor groups and get organised for the year ahead. Students will be given timetables and any queries or problems will be addressed. The formal part of the day will end at lunchtime. In the afternoon, pastoral staff will be available to help with timetable queries or discuss options.

Tuesday 8th September

Students from both sites will spend time together enjoying a Joint Sixth Form activity in the hall (Colfox). We have invited an external speaker in to deliver a session on current affairs, student voice and understanding human rights. The day ends at the usual time of 3.30pm.

Wednesday 9th September

Students' new lives in the Joint Sixth Form starts in earnest with full timetables implemented from period 3.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for August. Do try to get some rest over the summer holiday, but also use the time to complete any bridging tasks and reading that has been set. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me at school either by email or by telephone. You can also contact Tracey Smith, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, at t.smith@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



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