



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

Headteacher: Mr A Wood BA (Oxon), PGCE, MBA, NPQH

Woods Avenue, Hatfield, Herts AL10 8NL T: 01707 275331

Email: admin@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk Website: www.bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk

BHGS is a company limited by guarantee Company number: 07831507 Charity number: EW01517



Friday 6th November 2020

post 16 choices and year 11 parents information

Dear Parent/Carer,

This time of year is always a very busy one for year 11 as they head towards their mock examinations. First of all we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your all support in guiding your child at this time. It is clear from seeing the pupils working hard in lessons that they are taking ownership of their revision and exam preparation. This time of year also sees pupils starting to think very carefully about their post 16 study or training opportunities, and this letter will give you further information about planning for these next steps.

Bishop's Sixth Form Information Presentation

At this time of year we would normally invite all year 11 parents and pupils into school for our Sixth Form Information Evening. As we are unable to do this at the moment, we have recorded our presentation for you to watch at home. The presentation is just under 20 minutes in length, and it contains all the essential information that you need to know about applying to our Sixth Form. Please do find a few quiet minutes to watch this. Also available are two presentations that give you an invaluable insight into life as a Sixth Former. The Head Girls as well as one of our year 12 students describe very eloquently their experiences of studying here, and these are well worth watching. To access all these videos you need to select the Sixth Form tab on the website and then click 'Welcome to the Sixth Form'. Alternatively you can follow the link: <https://bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk/welcome-to-the-sixth-form/>

Post 16-Subject Information:

One of the exciting aspects of applying to Sixth Form is the range of subjects on offer, some of which are completely new. Undoubtedly some pupils find narrowing down their interests hard at this stage, as there are so many interesting options to choose from. Over the last two school weeks, year 11 pupils have been experiencing taster sessions in lessons and tutor times, so that they can find out everything they need to know about the courses offered at Bishop's Sixth Form. Pupils and parents can find virtual presentations for all subjects offered online. To access these videos you will need to select the Sixth Form tab on the site and then click 'Subject Information'. Alternatively you can follow the link: <https://bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk/subjects-offered/>.

"This is an OUTSTANDING school" - Ofsted 2016



As we are part of a consortium of schools in Welwyn Hatfield, pupils may be considering studying subjects which are taught off-site. For more information regarding individual subjects taught off site, please visit the Welwyn & Hatfield Consortium website <https://www.welwynhatfieldconsortium.org.uk/>.

In a couple of weeks time we will be asking all year 11 pupils to make their draft subject choices. This is not a firm commitment at this stage to choosing certain subjects, but after the taster input we usually find pupils have quite a good idea about what they wish to study. We need draft choices now so that we can plan out our curriculum offer for next year, to accommodate as many pupil choices as possible. The draft choices form will be available to pupils shortly. Some of you may notice that the final application form is available for pupils to complete online now but **this should not be completed by pupils until their final options interviews in January 2021** and any applications submitted electronically before then will not be accepted.

Supporting your child with their year 11 studies.

Pupils are busy preparing for their mock examinations in December. At this point in the academic year we usually receive enquiries from parents and carers asking how they can support their children with revision during the crucial run up to the GCSE mock exams in December. Under normal circumstances we arrange an information evening which is an opportunity for parents to come in and find out some more information about how they can assist their child during the revision period.

As this information evening is not possible this year, we have instead put together a video presentation for Year 11 parents, carers and students. Hopefully you will find it useful for finding out a bit more about the GCSE and mock examinations; it includes suggestions for revision strategies and some useful tools for managing workload. The aim of the video is for parents and carers to learn about the sort of revision resources our students have available to them, the methods of revision that would be most helpful, and also how to ensure students are working in an environment that supports their learning. To access please select the Learning tab on the website, and then click on the 'Assessment' section. Alternatively you can follow the link here: <https://vimeo.com/475890221> . If there are any questions arising from this specific presentation please contact Mr Pandya directly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Hughes
Deputy headteacher

Mr H Pandya
Assistant headteacher

Mrs E James
Head of Sixth Form