

18th March 2011

LOWER SIXTH FORM PARENTS' MEETING

I am writing to invite you to a meeting of parents of Lower Sixth pupils at **10.45 a.m. on Saturday 16th April**. The first purpose of the meeting is to allow you to discuss your son's / daughter's academic progress with members of staff in the light of the forthcoming AS examinations in the summer term. The second purpose of the meeting is to provide a forum to discuss your son's /daughter's university or college aspirations. Decisions on Higher Education are of central concern at this stage in a sixth form pupil's career and we advise that these should not be put off until the autumn. There is strong evidence that early applicants are more likely to receive offers and that those who leave it until near the deadline are considerably disadvantaged. During the Lent Term all members of the Lower Sixth have had a series of talks from staff about university courses. Our advice to parents and pupils now is to do the necessary research so that applications to UCAS can be made at the very beginning of the Michaelmas Term.

At the meeting, coffee will be served in the Beldam Hall (Music School) from 10.15 a.m. where you will be supplied with a list of your son's /daughter's teachers and name badges. At 10.45 am I will address you briefly before Mr John Driver, Director of University Entrance, speaks on higher education issues. We will then move to Pears School where other members of staff will be waiting for us. Pupils will be able to join their parents at that stage and accompany them in discussions with their teachers should you so wish.

If you have any special access requirements please do let us know prior to the meeting on the above telephone number.

I hope that you will find the meeting informative and helpful and I look forward to seeing you on the 16th April.

R A Holroyd