



*Be inspired and achieve together*

12 June 2019

Dear Student

**Sixth Form Taster Day - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Further to your application to the Arnold Hill Sixth Form, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Sixth Form Taster Day on **Wednesday 26th June 2019**.

The day will begin at 8.30am in the Sixth Form Centre with a welcome address. You will then receive a timetable of the day, allowing you the opportunity to visit the different subject areas based on the post 16 choices you have provided us with, which are listed below:

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Chemistry	English Literature	Drama	English Literature	Geography
Philosophy & Ethics	History	Maths	Psychology	Spanish
Psychology	PE	Biology	Maths	Physics
Sociology	Physics	Business Studies	Biology	Art
Music	Psychology	Computing	Chemistry	Business Studies
BTEC Business	BTEC Health & Social*	English Language	Economics	Further Maths
		BTEC Sport & Exercise*	Geography	Sociology
			BTEC Health & Social*	French
			BTEC Sport & Exercise*	

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E

The options are displayed in the format above for timetabling purposes which are based on five option columns; a subject that takes up two option columns\* such as BTEC Health & Social Care is the equivalent of two A Levels hence why it is repeated so please do not be concerned.

If you wish to make any changes to the above option choices, or for any reason, they are incorrect, please email me at the address provided below and I will amend them where necessary.

It is important to note that all Year 12 students are expected to take **3 option choices** (either A Level courses or BTEC courses or a combination of the two) in Year 12 and Year 13 with the exception of some students who request to take 4 option choices and/or an Extended Project Qualification.

It is also worth taking the time now to fully research that these are the options most suitable for your future career aspirations. To help with any University course choices in the future I would recommend you look at the UCAS website ([www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)) and also the Russell Group University website ([www.russellgroup.ac.uk](http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk)) to help with any decisions regarding subject choices. For those students thinking about apprenticeships in the future, I would also recommend looking at the Apprenticeship website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-apprenticeships>).

To help with these important decisions, there will be a 'Careers Fair' held in A Block Hall. The fair will run from 1.15pm – 6.00pm for students, with Parents welcome to attend from 3.30pm. Please see the website for full details.

The benefit of this structured day is that it not only allows you the opportunity to attend the 'Careers Fair' but also allows you the opportunity to meet subject teachers and ask further questions about the choice of subjects you have made.

The Sixth Form tutors, Mr McEwan Head of Year 12, Ms Clarke Head of Year 13 and myself will also be available to discuss any queries you may have regarding subject choices. There will also be the opportunity to talk to current Sixth Form students where you can discuss option choices and career routes that they have chosen for their Post 16 studies.

Lunch and snacks can be purchased from the Sixth Form Centre Café throughout the day (cash only) and students will also be able to provide us with the names of up to five other students they would like to be in a Sixth Form tutor group with. The day will be finished by approximately 3.15pm.

When you do not have a timetabled session use the Library, study rooms, computers and laptops in the Sixth Form Centre to research Universities/Apprenticeships or complete any independent research into your chosen subjects. Whilst in the Sixth Form, any non-contact time should be used for quiet study. Music, pool, table tennis and recreational activities are only permitted at lunchtime. Managing your time well in the Sixth Form will increase your chances of success.

This is a very worthwhile day for students to attend. **All Students planning to join the Sixth Form in September are expected to attend this event.** There is no need to confirm you will be attending the event, simply arrive at the Sixth Form Centre for **8.30am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. If, in the meantime, you have any queries regarding the Taster Day or regarding the Sixth Form in general please do not hesitate to contact me at [Kevin.Callaway@arnoldhillacademy.co.uk](mailto:Kevin.Callaway@arnoldhillacademy.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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