

Dear Student/Parent

We are pleased to invite you to the:

### **Year 11 Sixth Form Information Evening**

Which will take place on:

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 5.30-7.30pm**

The aim of the evening is to enable students and parents to speak to Heads of Subject and A level teachers about the AS level and Applied courses that they hope to follow in the Sixth Form. Appointments with staff will be made during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> February – please let your son/daughter know what time to make you would like to come; we will try to make your appointments as near to each other as we can but, given the large number of students, we cannot guarantee this. Year 11 students should make appointments in the subjects they are considering for next year – there is no limit on the number of appointments they can make. Some students will be undecided at this stage about which courses to pursue or whether or not they wish to stay on in Sixth Form. All students are welcome and should use this evening as an opportunity to find out more about studying in the Sixth Form.

Additionally, on the evening, there will be current year 12 and 13 students from the Sixth form Council and the Sixth Form Social Committee who can speak to year 11 students about life in the Sixth Form as well as giving them the opportunity to register their interest in attending the council and committee meetings this year if they would like to get a further insight into the extra curricular opportunities which our Sixth Form offers. We are also in the process of setting up the Duke of Edinburgh Award for our Sixth Formers; year 11 students who would be interested in joining this can sign up on the evening.

Choosing subjects can be a daunting task; Mrs Everton (Sixth Form Pastoral Manager) and I will be available if students and parents would like to speak to us about specific subjects needed for university courses; I will be situated in the main entrance and in Mrs Everton in the Sixth Form Centre.

We are confident that Tarporley Sixth Form offers outstanding opportunities for academic achievement and for the personal and social development of our students. This was reiterated by the OFSTED inspection, which took place in September 2008. The inspectors commented that:

- Students are positive, mature and confident and their attitudes to study are exemplary
- In 6<sup>th</sup> Form lessons, there is a meeting of minds between Teachers and Students. They share knowledge and develop understanding of the subject to a high level.

Since the inspection we have continued to focus on and develop teaching and learning as well as the pastoral support and extra curricular activities offered to our students in the Sixth Form.

Members of the school's Leadership Team are also currently in the process of interviewing every student in Year 11 in order to help guide them through the choices they have after they have completed their GCSEs.

Students will be given an application form to fill in prior to the evening. Heads of Subject will sign the form following consultation to show that they are happy to accept that individual on to the course assuming that the required grades are achieved. Completed forms must be returned to me by **1<sup>st</sup> March.**

I have also attached the current option blocks; students should choose four subjects; they can choose five if they are unsure at this stage and write them on their application form. It is also important to stress that these blocks are not fixed; there is flexibility depending on the choices which students make, therefore they should choose subjects regardless of which block they are in. Also, students can change their options once they receive their GCSE results in August (although option blocks will have been fixed by then).

If you have any queries, please contact me at school. I look forward to seeing you on the 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely

Mr Lowe  
Director of Sixth Form

### Provisional AS Level Option Blocks

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
Biology	Maths Mechanics	Business	Chemistry	ICT
Maths Stats	History	English Lit	Technology	French
Further Maths	Geography	English Lang.	Economics	Psychology
Art	Use Of Maths	Physics	Sociology	PE
	Media		Computing	Drama & Theatre Studies
			German	
			Spanish	