

13th May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Re: Sixth Form Induction Programme

In preparation for joining The Trust Sixth Form at Cornwallis Academy in September, we will be holding our Induction Programme during the week of Monday 7th to Friday 11th June. Students from Cornwallis, New Line Learning and applicants from other schools in Kent will be joining us. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, students should arrive to school for 8.20 am and muster on the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).

This year especially, we feel that students moving into Key Stage 5 learning will benefit greatly from the events that we have planned. These days are compulsory for all students hoping to join us in September and will run broadly in line with the timings of the school day.

The programme is designed to ensure a smooth transition into Sixth Form life for all students joining us, irrespective of where they have previously studied, and over the course of the week we will share our vision and ethos for a successful and fulfilling Post 16 education at The Trust Sixth Form at Cornwallis Academy for your son/daughter. Please read the outline of the week below.

Day 1

Monday will begin with an introduction to Sixth Form life by myself and Mrs Woollett. There will also be an opportunity for all of our students to participate in a study skills session. This is designed to help bridge the gap between GCSE study and the demands of A Level learning. We will be holding further sessions through the academic year to augment the initial session. The day will also include an introduction to apprenticeships and UCAS for those that are considering university. Food will be available to purchase (cash only for all students) at break time and the day will end at lunchtime with students leaving site at 12.15 pm. No food will be available at lunchtime.

Day 2 and 3

Tuesday and Wednesday will be an opportunity for students to attend taster sessions for each of their chosen courses. Your child will be given an individual timetable of the lessons they will be attending on both days. Lessons will be delivered by the teaching staff who will be your child's class teacher next year and are designed to give a flavour of what students can expect to learn and how they will be assessed. These will be particularly beneficial for students who are unsure about their course choices. Again, on these days, food will be available to purchase at break and also lunchtime. Both days will finish at 3.00 pm and those students that are happy with their course choices are free to leave once their lessons have finished for the day.

Day 4

Thursday will be less formal and an opportunity for us all to get to know each other. We will spend the day taking part in team activities with hot dogs and burgers at lunchtime. A vegetarian option will also be available. The majority of our students will leave at around 1.15 pm.

Students who are interested in joining the First XI football team will be invited to take part in a training session at the Gallagher Stadium delivered by our partners at Maidstone United Football Club. We will provide transport to the stadium but students will need to make their own way home at the end of the day from the Gallagher Stadium.

There will also be support sessions for students wishing to complete a Post 16 Bursary application on the day.

Students will be registered by a member of Key Stage 5 teaching staff on days one to four. Students are asked to dress in smart business wear every day with the exception of Thursday. The dress code for Thursday's activities will be more relaxed but students are asked to ensure that they dress appropriately for a school setting. Any student who is deemed by us not to be appropriately attired will be asked to return home and change.

Day 5

As we have not been able to offer our usual Open Evening and related events this year, we have decided to offer parents the opportunity to meet with either myself or Mrs Woollett, either with us or virtually to ask any questions you may have about your child's studies next year. Appointments will be run on the same basis as they are for academic review evenings here at school. Details of how to book an appointment will be sent in due course.

Students will not be in school on the last day of the week and should use this time to work on any summer projects or reading that their class teachers have set.

In line with the current guidance, students are encouraged to self-test on the Sunday prior to the week and also on the Wednesday. To further mitigate any risk we also encourage students to wear face coverings during the sessions.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Sutton
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