



St. Joseph's School & Sixth Form Centre

18th January 2021

Dear Students and Parents,

RE: Joining the Sixth Form at St. Joseph's

I hope you and your family are well. At this point in our academic year, we would usually have invited you and enjoyed a number of different transition events to help prepare you for the move from Year 11 towards embarking on your further studies of A-Level and BTEC qualifications. Unfortunately, due to the recent circumstances, these events have not gone to plan. However, we are still really looking forward to welcoming those of you who have chosen to join our Sixth Form this September and currently still have spaces available for those of you who are yet to make a decision, should you wish to join us too. You will not be disappointed! **Please find enclosed further information about our Sixth Form at St. Joseph's and a copy of our prospectus 2021/22. Also, check out our Virtual Open Evening video that is available on the website and social media platforms of Facebook and Instagram.**

We know that choosing subjects to study at A Level and BTEC can be an exciting yet challenging time. Therefore, each subject area offered in Year 12 have put together a podcast for their subject that will not only give you an insight to the subject but also provide you with further information of what your study of that subject will entail. All podcasts are available on our website and can be accessed on the following link: www.stjosephscomp.co.uk and by selecting the **Sixth Form** menu at the top of the page.

We are still hoping to have the opportunity to invite you to visit St. Joseph's to have a look around, speak to teachers and chat with current students about their experiences. The likelihood is that these events will be able to take place in the Summer Term, hopefully! This will be an opportunity to see how the school operates day-to-day, find out more about individual subjects and ask questions of teachers and the students who were in your position last year.

After you receive your long awaited GCSE results this summer, you will be invited to join us in our Sixth Form Enrolment Day. Here you will get the opportunity to update us with your results and find out more information about life in the sixth form. We will also be able to discuss your subject selection in more detail to ensure the subjects you choose are not only enjoyable, but suitable for you as a route of study, and ultimately, relevant for the career path you wish to pursue in the future.

You will be asked to make an initial selection of subjects on your application form but we are aware that these may change after your results and when you have explored different career paths on websites such as www.careerswales.com or maybe even, different university courses that you may be interested in on www.ucas.com. It could be an idea, to use some time to explore both websites to gain some ideas of the different areas of studies that are available and more importantly, inspire you.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter or want to find out more about preparing for Sixth Form then please get in touch with me, Mrs Gow @ GowJ6@hwbmail.net

Hope to see you soon,

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