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Dear parents and carers

Invitation to Chenderit Sixth Form's Transition Day Tuesday 28th June 2022

On Tuesday 28th June, we are holding a transition day for our Year 11 students and external applicants who have applied to join our Sixth Form in September 2022. All students who have applied to join Chenderit Sixth Form are invited to attend the day and it will allow them to experience what life is like within the Sixth Form and prepare them for the next academic year. We are incredibly excited to be able to offer this opportunity and we are looking forward to showing each of our applicants what our Sixth Form community has to offer and what makes it such a special place to be.

As you will be aware, we had originally scheduled for the Transition Day to be held on Tuesday 21st June and this date has been placed in our school calendar for over a year. However, due to the national changes made to the length of the GCSE examination series this year, there is now a History examination taking place on the same day. As a result of this, we have taken the decision to move our Transition Day to 28th June to ensure that as many of our applicants as possible can attend the day without any examinations preventing them from taking part. We are aware that there may be other wider circumstances and commitments that may also clash with the new date, particularly for some of our external applicants, so if any students are also unable to attend on 28th June, please email me at bbelstone@chenderit.net and I will arrange a more suitable time to visit us for an open morning; this will provide the opportunity for applicants to view Sixth Form lessons that they may be interested in studying (where possible) and also speak with our current Year 12 students about their experiences within our Sixth Form community.

Throughout the Transition Day, students will take part in a number of different activities that will enable them to gain a better understanding of all aspects of Sixth Form life. Teachers across all of our academic and vocational subjects will be delivering sessions to allow students to take part in activities that are typical of the lessons they will have within the Sixth Form. There are also opportunities at break time, lunchtime and during the last session of the day for our prospective students to speak with one another and take part in teambuilding exercises to get to know their peers before September.

Please also be aware that students will have to bring a packed lunch with them for the day as the school canteen will unfortunately not be available to them on this day.

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As I have said, the aim of the day is to prepare our students for life in the Sixth Form and to allow each of them to make well-informed course choices on the GCSE results day in the summer. Ensuring students select the right courses for them is especially important as the recently reformed A Level and Cambridge Technical qualifications mean students will be making a two-year commitment to study these subjects, and will be assessed in their chosen subjects in the summer of 2024.

Please see the timetable for the day below:

Timing	Activity
8:40am – 9:05am	Welcome assembly from Mrs Cartwright, Mr Belstone, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Smith This will take place in the school's lecture theatre.
9:05am – 9:35am	Session 1: Block A subjects: Chemistry German Geography Business Studies
9:35am – 10:05am	Session 2: Block B subjects: Psychology English Literature Further Mathematics Philosophy and Ethics Photography
10:05am-10:30am	Break – use the study centre, dining room and field
10:30am – 11:00am	Session 3: Block C subjects: Mathematics Art and Design Government and Politics Drama and Theatre Physical Education
11:00am – 11:30am	Session 4: Life in Sixth Form Workshop 1 How can you make the most of your time in Sixth Form (including revision, enrichment and work experience)?
11:30am – 12:00pm	Session 5: Block D subjects: Physics History Sociology English Language and Literature Music
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Session 6: Life in Sixth Form Workshop 2 What destination can you go on to after Sixth Form?
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Teambuilding Activities on the field
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch - use the study centre, dining room and field

Timing	Activity
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Student Q&A Panel with current Year 12 students – questions submitted by applicants throughout the day will be answered. This will take place in the lecture theatre.
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Session 7: Block E subjects: Biology Media Studies Product Design Food Science and Nutrition French Health and Social Care
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Debrief assembly and thank you from Mr Belstone, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Smith. This will take place in the school's lecture theatre.

Students will be able to select the sessions throughout the day that they wish to attend. Their selection should include their subject choices for next year, but they may also attend additional sessions to gain an insight into other subjects that they may find interesting, if they wish to do so. If there are sessions where students do not have a subject that they wish to attend, then there will be independent activities available for them to complete which will help them to prepare for their studies in September.

We are looking forward to welcoming our prospective Sixth Form students and we are excited to show them all that we have to offer at Chenderit Sixth Form. In the meantime, if you have any further questions about the transition day or the Sixth Form in general, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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