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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Post 16 Studies at The Priory School

I write with further information about upcoming important dates for your child as part of their entry into Sixth Form at The Priory School.

You will have received by now a formal letter from me giving details of the Sixth Form entry requirements for your child.

As you will be aware, due to a later finish to this year's GCSE examinations, Sixth Form Induction has been moved back to Monday 4th July 2016 and Tuesday 5th July 2016. For these days, students will be expected to be in school for 8.50am and will finish at 3.30pm.

As part of this, we have arranged 'taster sessions' which are examples of lessons in the subjects that your child has chosen. As part of these taster sessions, your child will receive a bridging pack of suggested reading, places to visit and tasks to complete. This bridging work must be returned as part of their first lesson in September and will be marked to form part of the Initial Appraisal check your child will receive. If a consortium subject has been chosen that will be delivered at another school, there will be the opportunity to visit that school for a tour as well. All students are expected to attend and wear appropriate Sixth Form dress. I would be grateful if I can be contacted on the email address below if your child is unable to attend, in order that I can arrange for bridging work to be sent home.

As part of their Programme of Study from September we are going to require every Sixth Form students to complete at least 2 hours a week of online learning through Future Learn. Future Learn is a provider of high quality online learning. Educators from top UK and international universities have created courses filled with videos, articles, quizzes, audio and discussions to enable enjoyable online social learning. Students can choose free courses from a range of topics; from STEM to the arts, giving them access to ideas, debates and resources that can improve critical thinking and learning skills. Courses provide an excellent addition to UCAS applications, enrichment programmes, preparation for university and current curriculum. I would recommend that all New Year 12 students sign up before Induction so that they can begin a course as part of the Induction programme. To register and for more information please visit:

<https://www.futurelearn.com>

On results day, 25th August 2016, I will be in school to talk to any student who has not received the grades required for their preferred subjects. Your child must make time to come to speak to me on that day if they are in school to collect results.

If your child is not in school we have also set up a new email account (below) so that I can be contacted about matters relating to entry into the Sixth Form.

For all students joining us in September, I will require them to contact me on the email address with confirmation of the subjects they wish to study from September. This will enable me to have timetables available for their first day back in September.

New Year 12 students are required to be in school on Tuesday 6th September at 8.50am. They will spend the morning collecting important information about Sixth Form and meeting their new tutor. They will be allowed to leave at 12.30pm. Term begins for all Sixth Form students at 8.50am on Thursday 8th September 2016.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact me on our new email address of:

post16pathways@priory.herts.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Z. Armitage".

Mrs Z Armitage

Assistant Head – Head of Sixth