



The Priory School

Educating Students for Success in Life

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Dear Parent / Carer

Post 16 Pathways Event – Thursday 21st October 2021

This year's annual Sixth Form Open Evening will be a virtual event. This is due to increased levels of COVID in the community. This event will be for all students interested in joining our Sixth Form in September 2022. Online applications will open after the Sixth Form Open Event.

You will be able to access a presentation from Mr Edwards and myself on the Hitchin Consortium website at your convenience – a link will be shared to this on the Sixth Form area of the School's website on Monday 18th October. The Consortium website will also contain a course overview and video for each of the courses offered here. During the presentation you will receive information about the variety of options available to your child at Post 16, including progression into Sixth Form, information on apprenticeships and guidance on college courses. It is not just a presentation for those intending to continue into Sixth Form but is an opportunity to consider the wide variety of options available.

In addition to this we will also be holding a Post 16 Pathways assembly for students on Tuesday 19th October and a Marketplace event during the day on Thursday 21st October. This will allow students the opportunity to speak with current Year 13 students about each of the courses offered. Students should select 5 or 6 courses they are interested in and use this time to find out more about each course. Students should also use the RA Portal and Unifrog to research their future career paths and what Post 16 qualifications will be appropriate for them. They have already been working on this in their RSHE lessons. There will also be representation from local colleges and YC Hertfordshire at this event, so it is very important that all students attend, whatever their plans for Post 16.

On Friday 22nd October you will be sent an Expression of Interest form to complete. The deadline for completion of the survey is Friday 12th November 2021. We use this first set of choices to begin building the Consortium timetable with the aim of meeting as many option choices as possible. In January students will have a one meeting to discuss their Post 16 plans and the information we collect from this survey helps inform those conversations. Mr Carr, our Post 18 Progression Lead will be holding small group seminars with students who are aspiring for Oxbridge and professions such as medicine.

As a Sixth Form, we operate as part of a Consortium with Hitchin Boys' School (HBS) and Hitchin Girls' School (HGS) to provide a very extensive range of both traditional as well as vocational courses, all of which offer progression into Further Education and employment. We encourage you to visit the Hitchin Consortium website to review our prospectus and learn more about the courses offered.

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If you have any queries about the courses available for Post 16 at The Priory School, please download our prospectus from the Sixth Form section of our website or complete the Google form here – we will answer any questions in our presentation and in the FAQ section of the Consortium website.

[Post 16 Pathway Event - Internal Applicant](#)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sophie Hadaway', written in a cursive style.

Sophie Hadaway
Acting Head of Sixth Form