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I hope everyone is well and not finding lockdown too challenging. I thought it would be useful to keep you updated about a number of issues regarding the Sixth Form.

• GCSE results day will be on August 20th. Obviously schools are yet to receive the documentation to input grades for the relevant examination boards and the necessary information will be inputted following consultation as soon as we receive the pro-forma. No further student input is required for the consultation and the input of data processes. Predicted grades will undergo a robust internal and external national moderation process.

 \cdot On Page 28 of the Sixth Form Prospectus you will be able to see the Subject Criteria to study subjects in the Sixth Form. May I remind you that this is for guidance only and we look at each individual student and personal requirements particularly in these unprecedented times.

 \cdot We are currently finalising the Year 12 curriculum and will be in a position shortly to send you the final option columns. Whist there is no 'perfect' model, we aim to eliminate as many clashes as possible; much depends on staffing and timetabling commitments.

· I have been asked about lockers. There are plenty of them available and you will be able to secure a locker for a returnable £5 deposit.

 \cdot The number of Tutor groups in the Sixth Form depends on the number of students. Rest assured you will be able to request who you want in the same Tutor Group as yourself (within reason!)

 \cdot The Sixth Form area has been updated and I remind you that that free Wi-Fi is available to Sixth Form Students in the Sixth Form Area.

 \cdot As yet we do not know when schools will re-open, but if possible we would like some form of Induction Programme before September for all students who want to join our Sixth Form.

• In preparation for the commencement of your AS and Level 3 qualifications, please see the school website and click on the link for 'Preparatory Subject Work For Students Joining our Sixth Form in September 2020' on the homepage. This will give you information provided by all Learning Areas in the school regarding most useful ways to work towards personal readiness for Sixth Form studies with us. Obviously just select the subjects in which you are interested! May I remind you that you can still change your options should you wish to when you eventually enrol for the Sixth Form, and that subjects will only run provided there are viable numbers of students opting for those subjects.

Please take care and I will be in touch again shortly at the appropriate times.

Best wishes,

Kevin Davies

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