



28 November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will no doubt be aware, the consultation period regarding the future of the Axe Valley Sixth Form has been extended in order to provide time for representatives of the Trust to discuss all available options with the Regional Schools Commissioner's office.

I had hoped that by now I would be in a position to be able to provide clarity regarding the post-16 options open to our Year 11 students. Whilst I risk being accused of pre-judging the outcome of the consultation, I am acutely aware that time is marching on and we have a duty to provide timely and independent guidance on the full variety of post-16 destinations.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to outline the programme of events that we have planned for the coming weeks.

Futures Meetings (2nd – 19th January 2018)

- Every Year 11 student will be invited to attend a futures meeting with a member of the academy's leadership team. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss individual post-16 pathways to ensure that our guidance is tailored to students' needs.

Futures Day (Monday 8th January 2018)

- The event will start with an assembly for Year 11 students at 2pm. This will provide students with information about the full range of options available to them. A separate assembly for those who have expressed a preference to explore the Holyrood Sixth Form route will take place on another day.
- At 7pm, there will be a parents' information evening in the Main Hall. We will be inviting local post-16 providers to attend to answer any questions that you may have.

Holyrood Sixth Form Taster Day (Monday 15th January 2018, 11am onwards)

- For those who would like to find out more about what Holyrood has to offer, there will be an opportunity to travel to Holyrood to engage in a carousel of taster lessons. This will be followed by an after school workshop (3.30-5.30pm) that will lead straight into an open event for parents (5.30-7.30pm). Parents who wish to attend this event may choose to collect their child from Holyrood. Alternatively, students will be brought back to Axe Valley at 8pm. If your son/daughter would like to take part in this event, please complete and return the attached reply slip indicating whether or not they will require transport back from Holyrood.

I recognise that this is a potentially unsettling time for our Year 11 students and hope that this information reassures you that we will continue to do everything possible to support

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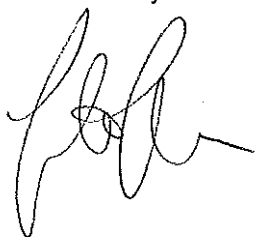
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our young people despite the uncertainty in regards to the future of our own Sixth Form provision. In the meantime, if you have any queries, or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Dave MacCormick, Director of Sixth Form at dmaccormick@axevalley.devon.sch.uk or 01297 32146.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Green
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Reply Slip

My Child _____ Tutor Group _____ *would/would not like to attend the taster day at Holyrood.

My child *requires/does not require transport back after the information evening.

*Delete as appropriate.

Please return the reply slip to Reception by Friday 8th December 2017