

Meeting the Challenges of Sixth Form: Information Evening for Pupils and Parents

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that your son or daughter is settling into Sixth Form and enjoying their new courses. The next two years will be one of the most exciting and challenging periods of his or her life. In order for these two years to be highly rewarding it is vital that home and school cooperate closely in order to encourage, challenge and support the pupils as they attempt to do everything that is essential for their success.

In previous years the Sixth Form Parents' Consultation afternoon was held in October, but this event has been moved to Thursday 2 February so that pupils' progress over a longer period can be reviewed. Consequently, we have arranged an Information Evening for all Year 13 students and their parents, at which important information about examinations, homework, entrance requirements for Year 14, careers planning, subject choice, community action and accessing computers in school will be communicated. This Year 13 Information Evening will take place in the Assembly Hall on **Monday 26 September**, commencing at 6.00pm and finishing at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be served from 5.30pm in the same location.

As you will know, in recent years Down High School has sought to expand both the size of its Sixth Form and the range of qualifications offered. As I shall explain on the Information Evening, this expansion benefits pupils of all abilities and maintains the strong links that exist between this school and others in the district, as well as a large number of universities both here and across the water. The Information Evening will be an opportunity for those families who are new to Down High to be welcomed into the school community by the other parents over a cup of tea or coffee.

In the meantime, I would ask you to complete and complete the attached pro forma and ask your child to return it to Mrs W Cromie (Principal's PA) in my office as soon as possible and no later than Thursday 22 September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Perry

(Principal)

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SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING: MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2016

Pupil's Name _____ Class _____

I confirm receipt of the letter detailing an Information Evening for Year 13 students and their parents/carers on Monday 26 September 2016.

Please reserve _____ seats for this event (include parent[s] and pupil)

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

*Please detach and return this page to Mrs Cromie as soon as possible as and no later than
Thursday 22 September.*