

Welcome to Hayesfield Sixth Form

Open Evening, Tuesday
2nd November 2010

Mrs. Anne Banks, Head of Sixth Form

- Pastoral arrangements for the 6th form (this one is for parents)
- Choosing subjects and making an application (for students)

Pastoral arrangements

- Each student is assigned to a tutor group
- Tutors:
 - Monitor attendance & punctuality
 - Work with students to develop skills
 - Encourage use of planner
 - Carry out regular 1-1 interviews
 - Are the link between teachers/home/student

More Pastoral arrangements

- All students take part in an enrichment programme designed to help students develop life skills to take them beyond school. This includes Enrichment courses / PSHE / Citizenship / Careers / University & HE applications
- Students are encouraged to get involved in the school and local community

The Sixth Form Planner

Contains lots of vital information

- School contact details
- Timing of the school day & term dates
- Timetable
- Sixth Form Code of Conduct
- Our Contract
- General useful stuff
- Academic work
- As well as diary pages!

Contact with parents

- The Sixth Form can be seen as the transition between school and the big wide world
- We work with students in the first instance if we have any concerns about attendance or academic work
- If there is no improvement, then we will contact parents
- We have several formal points of contact, firstly a 'settling-in' snapshot in term 1, followed by one regular snapshot, one parents evening and one formal report in Y12 and Y13.
- Parents are welcome to contact us if they have concerns, but please encourage your student to do things for him/her self.
- We do prefer parents to contact us about absence because of illness rather than the student.
- The Sixth Form Administrator is Mrs. Helen Gulliford, one of her jobs is to monitor attendance.

Students - what to do next

- This evening you should have had the opportunity to talk to Hayesfield staff and students about the courses we offer in our Sixth Form
- Whatever school you are at, talk to staff who teach you to find out what they think you are capable of.
- Talk to Sixth Form students about their experiences
- If you have a particular career in mind, find out what subjects will be useful to you.

IB or A levels?

- If you know you are better at some subjects than others, for example Science subjects but not languages or humanities
- If you are very focused on a particular career
- **Then A levels may be the best choice for you**
- The majority of our students take 4 AS subjects in Y12 dropping to 3 A2 subjects in Y13
- Some take 5, others take 3 after consultation about GCSE grades.
- The entry requirements are 6 GCSEs at grades A*-C including either Maths or English, with A*, A or B grades in relevant subjects

IB or A levels?

- If you are 'good' at all subjects and can't make up your mind which ones to give up
- If you are very organised
- If you want to keep your options open
- **Then the IB may be the best choice for you**
- There is a presentation on the website outlining the IB Diploma course.
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Supposing I don't make the grades?

- We offer one level 2 course, BTEC Health & Social Care Diploma which is a full time one year course.
- Students spend 3 days a week in school and 1 or 2 days a week work experience.
- At the end of the course students can move on to level 3 Health & Social Care courses either at school or at College, or into employment.
- The entry requirements are D grades at GCSE, although we consider each student individually.

what to do next

- Complete an **application form**
- All applications are followed by an **interview**
- **A conditional** offer of a place should follow
- **Attend 6th Form Induction** (29th and 30th June 2011)
- **Results** come out in August
- start your Sixth Form career in September 2011
 - *WORK HARD!*