



Horsforth School

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Dear Parents / Carers / Students

I hope that you are all well and are managing to cope with the current challenging situation. I wanted to take a moment to hopefully put many of your minds at rest with regard to applications to our Sixth Form for September 2021, especially after the recent announcements from the Government which I am sure will have unsettled many of our year 11 students and their parents.

As many of you will be aware, most of our year 11 students completed an on-line initial intentions form in school in December. This enabled them to share with us their initial thoughts about their post-16 plans. It was extremely pleasing to see how many of our students indicated their desire to stay with us in our Sixth Form next year. The information the students shared has now enabled us to look closely at exactly which subjects can be offered and in which option blocks for September. I am extremely pleased to be able to inform you that due to a high level of student interest we are now able to offer three exciting new level 3 courses for September. These are;

- A Level Government and Politics
- Level 3 Diploma in Criminology (A level equivalent)
- Level 3 Cambridge technical in Applied Science (A level equivalent)

You can find out more about each of these courses (and all of the other courses we offer, including entry requirements on our school website [here](#)) and I would encourage all students to have a look so they can make an informed decision about which courses they may wish to pursue.

We now need all Year 11 students considering joining Horsforth Sixth Form **to make their option choices again** taking into account the option blocks that have now been allocated and also, to now indicate if they wish to study any the 3 new subject choices available to them. Most students will already be registered for Options Online, and therefore can fill in their most likely options for next year by going directly to www.sims-options.co.uk. You must sign in using the Google option, using the student's school e-mail address.

If a student has not yet registered, then please refer to the attached guidance on how to do so. If they are still unable to log on then please e-mail parentlogons@horsforthschool.org and we will support them.

I would like to make it clear that at this stage the decisions a student makes about their four subject choices for September are not final and can be altered again in the future (up until term starts in September) should they need to be. Please refer to the attached guidance on selecting option choices should you need additional help

By completing this form, Horsforth School students will have formally indicated they wish to join our Sixth Form in September and therefore do not need to complete any additional application form or undergo any interview process; neither do they need to formally accept the place in any way at this stage. As long as they are successful in meeting our Sixth Form entry requirements and the subject-specific entry requirements in their GCSE's, their place with us is confirmed for September. Further details of these entry requirements can be found on our website [here](#).

We will be in touch again later in the term with information about the transition process and preparation for September. Until then, should you have any further queries related to sixth form entry and option choices please send them to sixthform@horsforthschool.org

Best wishes

Claire Wright - Assistant Headteacher (Sixth Form Standards)

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