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To all Year 11 students

Dear Year 11 Student

Re: Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 10 November 2016

This Thursday 10 November is Shirley High School's Sixth Form Open Evening. This is a very important event as we plan to show you what life in the Sixth Form is truly like and help you make the important decision of where to continue your studies after you complete your GCSE exams.

Our objective is simple: to be the finest Sixth Form provider in England, guaranteeing you receive outstanding support in order to fulfil your true potential. It is essential to us that you finish Year 13 not only with first rate exam results but also, by encouraging self-discipline, integrity, tolerance and respect for others, develop the social skills you need to take your place in the world.

Choosing where to study for the next two years is probably the most important decision you would have had to make in your life so far. Studying for A levels or BTEC Level Three courses will define your future: I hope you are already aware that at Shirley High School we are passionate about providing you with the best education possible, guiding you to becoming successful and independent learners. I can assure you we will work tirelessly to ensure you are fully prepared for the next stage of your lives, be that at university or the workplace.

Last year's A level and BTEC Level Three results were first rate with 86% of all A level grades A*-C and 100% of all BTEC Level Three grades Distinction* - Distinction. We had a 100% pass rate and all the students who applied secured their first choice university. Our Value added performance places us in the top 10% of sixth forms nationally. These achievements were down to the hard work and commitment of all the students in Year 13, their parents/carers, and the staff at Shirley High School. We are very proud of what they achieved and I am confident that our current Year 13 will achieve even greater things.

I hope you find Thursday's Sixth Form Open Evening useful and informative. It is vital that you make the right decision for your future and so gather as much information as you can. Don't be afraid to ask questions. If, after the Open Evening, you would like any more information you are always welcome to visit me in the Sixth Form Centre.

Yours sincerely



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