

Each month we will provide students in Year 11 with a brief bulletin on progressing to the next stage of your education.

# Your Sixth Form Interview

In the very near future you will be invited for an evening interview on 5th February in the school to discuss your Application Form for the Sixth Form. Your parents/carer will be encouraged to attend this interview with you.

The interview itself will last for about twenty minutes and will be with one of the Senior Leadership Team at the school – this group includes, of course, the Head Teacher.

The interview offers a wonderful opportunity for you to make a positive impression and to share with your teachers, details about the progress you have made, your plans for the future and your achievements both in and out of school.

There are some important 'rules' you should follow if you want to ensure you make the best possible impression at your interview:

- Present yourself smartly. There is no need to dress formally for your Sixth Form interview, but do not turn up in an old hoodie and shorts. If you are in any doubt, wear your school uniform.
- Look like you have made an effort and give the impression that you are taking the interview process seriously.
- Listen carefully to the questions you are asked and answer them positively and politely.
- Try not to talk too much, even if you are nervous. Conversely, don't just grunt short answers as this will give the impression that you don't care. Try to strike a happy balance between the two.
- It is a good idea to get a member of your family to do a mock interview with you the evening before the 'real' one. It might be embarrassing but it will help you a lot.
- Hopefully your parents/carer will be with you. Don't ignore them. Don't roll your eyes every time they say something or at every question they ask. Involve them in the interview.
- Make positive eye contact with the interviewer.
- Smile, and try to enjoy the time.

**Think about the questions that you might be asked (and think also about the answers you would give to these questions).**

A few popular questions that are often at interview are given below. How would you answer them?

- 'Why have you chosen to do each of the subjects you have written down on your application form?'
- 'How have you researched the choice of subjects you have made?'
- 'What career do you wish to follow after sixth form?'
- 'Which subjects have you most enjoyed at school and why?'
- 'What are your interests outside school?'
- 'Which things are you most proud of in your personal statement, or Progress File?'

Applicants are often asked at the end of the interview if they have any questions. Think of one or two, and listen carefully to the answers... And finally, a polite and genuine 'thank you' to your interviewer always makes a good impression.