

Dear Year 10 Student

### **Gildredge House Sixth Form**

I know that many of you are starting to think about Sixth Form and where you are going to study Post-16. It is an exciting time, but I am sure you have many questions.

At Gildredge House Sixth Form, we are passionately committed to delivering and maintaining a first-rate educational experience for everyone who chooses to study with us. Since opening in September 2015, our Sixth Form has gone from strength to strength and, year on year, we are welcoming more and more students. We are proud of our exceptional exam results and the way we work with students in a tailored and personalised way to ensure that they are ready to embark on the next stage of their journey when they leave us. We pride ourselves on getting to know every student in the Sixth Form and the way we work with them to prepare them for University, an apprenticeship or employment.

For more information and an insight into studying at Gildredge House Sixth Form, please click [here](#).

We are lucky to have a team of experienced subject specialists who facilitate learning in our stand-alone Sixth Form Centre, Temple Grove. Working alongside curriculum teams, we have a dedicated Pastoral Team who are on hand to support you throughout your two years with us. This includes Mrs Bray, our highly knowledgeable Careers Coordinator who meets with every student to support their progression with bespoke opportunities; joining our Sixth Form is like joining a team!

We value all our students at Gildredge House Sixth Form, and accept applications from students across Sussex. This year we were delighted to welcome students from twelve different Secondary schools. We offer a range of A Level courses, as well as BTECs and vocational courses that will prepare you for a wide variety of destinations, from Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group Universities to apprenticeships and local employment.

To support your decision-making process in where to study in September 2022, we have put together a range of information that will hopefully answer all of your questions. All information can be found on our [website](#).

### **Prospectus - September 2022**

Download our new Prospectus to see the courses on offer from September 2022. We have taken on board feedback and are delighted to have added nine new courses to our offer.

### **Taster Days - Subject Information**

Unfortunately, due to the latest Government announcement regarding Covid-19 restrictions, our plans for an onsite Taster Day this year have had to be cancelled. However, staff have been busy preparing an overview of all the courses we have on offer. Whilst I appreciate that it is not the same as attending a face-to-face lesson in our dedicated Sixth Form Centre, I hope you find them useful when you start to think about your options. Make sure you view the PowerPoints to ensure you hear the voiceovers from staff.

### **Virtual Tour**

Similarly, we are unable to offer face-to-face tours of our facilities in the current climate. However, on our website you will find a link to our virtual 360° tour. Through this link, you will be able to navigate your way through Temple Grove, our Sixth Form building, see into classrooms,

common rooms and study spaces. Whilst we appreciate that this is not the same as walking round, we hope that this gives you an idea of the layout and we look forward to welcoming you for a visit in the next academic year.

### Open Evening

During the Autumn Term, we will be welcoming you to visit us, have a tour of the Sixth Form and meet our incredible team. The date of this event has not yet been finalized; we will write to you nearer the time with more information.

### Applications

All applications are submitted and managed through [Careers East Sussex](#). You will be supported by your Secondary school with this process and this may start this term. If you need more information about accessing the site or gaining login details, please contact your Head of Year or Careers Advisor.

The deadline for applications will not be until March 2022, so there is no rush. We do not run on a first-come, first-served basis and all applications are considered based on the information provided not the date of submission.

Following the submission of your application, you will be invited to interview. This will give you the opportunity to meet a member of our team, discuss your subject courses and ask any questions you may have about joining the Sixth Form. Please do not be worried by the prospect of an interview, it is simply a chance for us to get to know you a little more and to talk through your subject choices.

If you have any questions about joining Gildredge House Sixth Form, please do not hesitate to get in contact. I know it can seem a daunting experience and that the end of Year 11 seems a long way away, but it will come around quickly! Just remember we are here to support you on this journey.

We have sent this letter to all Secondary schools in the local area, but please do share this information with anyone you feel maybe interested in finding out about our Sixth Form.

I know that many of you are embarking on mock examinations this term; I hope these go well and that you have a restful summer.

Best wishes



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