



THE PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Headmaster: James Priory MA

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To Year 11 Parents

Dear Parents

Sixth Form and Beyond

Looking ahead to the Sixth Form is an exciting part of being in Year 11 and I am very much looking forward to meeting your sons and daughters for their interviews with me immediately after the half term break.

On **Tuesday 29 November** we will be holding a **Sixth Form and Beyond Day** for all pupils in Year 11 which will begin to help them in weighing up the options of A Level and the IB diploma, as well as considering which subjects they would like to specialise in whichever Sixth Form programme they eventually choose.

The Sixth Form and Beyond Day is also an opportunity for pupils to spend time in the Sixth Form Centre, to meet the Sixth Form team and to find out about other aspects of life in the Sixth Form, including the excellent General Studies programme and the expertise on offer to support your son's and daughter's university and career aspirations. We also stage a team building exercise based on a healthy inter-House competition, which I hope pupils will enjoy as part of a stimulating day in which they have time to begin thinking about the next stage in their school careers.

The Sixth Form Course Guide for 2012 entry, which summarises all the subject courses available in the Sixth Form at PGS as well as providing the latest information about the IB diploma, A Level, news of the most recent round of university admissions and profiles of the options and routes taken by a number of recent leavers, will be available in hard copy for all Year 11 pupils prior to the evening.

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The Sixth Form and Beyond Evening for parents will also be held on Tuesday 29 November, at 7.30 pm in the David Russell Theatre. Your sons and daughters are welcome to attend this event but it is primarily designed for parents, as most of the material will already have been shared with pupils during the day. The programme will include an insight into the academic, pastoral and co-curricular life of the Sixth Form from current pupils' experience; an outline of the IB diploma and A Level course structure; feedback from the Year 11 Headmaster's Interviews; and an opportunity for parents to ask questions about our Sixth Form with a panel of staff and pupils. There will also be an opportunity for you to talk with your son's or daughter's tutor.

To assist with planning for this event, I would be grateful if you could reply by 4 November using the form below. Replies can be handed to your son's or daughter's Tutor or sent to the school. If you prefer to email please confirm your attendance to n.waters@pgs.org.uk.

You will also be interested to know that we will be holding a Sixth Form Subject Forum in the Dining Hall and David Russell Theatre on the evening of Monday 9 January which is a great opportunity for pupils and parents to talks to Heads of Department and the Sixth Form team about the courses and combinations available for A Level and IB. Further details will be sent later this term.

In the meantime I look forward to seeing you at the Sixth Form and Beyond Evening on Tuesday 29 November.

Yours sincerely

To: Mr N Waters (Head of Years 9-11), The Portsmouth Grammar School

The Sixth Form and Beyond Evening – Tuesday 29 November 2011, 7.30 pm

Parents of:

Pupil's name Tutor

We will / will not* be attending the Sixth Form and Beyond Evening.

Number in party

*delete as appropriate