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To: Year 11 Parents

Dear Parents

**‘Getting to Know You’ Day –Wednesday 1 September
Lower Sixth Induction Day – Thursday 2 September**

I look forward to welcoming all those pupils returning to PGS to join the Sixth Form at the ‘Getting to Know You Day’ on Wednesday 1 September and Lower Sixth Induction Day on Thursday 2 September. Term starts on Monday 6 September.

‘The Getting to Know You Day’ will take place at Hilsea. For those in Grant and Latter House the day will take place between 9:30-13:30 and for those in Smith and Whitcombe the day will take place between 12:30-16:30. The entire year will share lunch together between 12:30 and 13:30. The aim of the day is to encourage tutor groups to work together in teams, to focus on communication skills and getting to know your tutor. Pupils should wear old clothing and be prepared for all weathers.

The Lower Sixth Induction Day takes place on Thursday 2 September at PGS. The programme will begin at 11.00 am in The David Russell Theatre and will end at approximately 4.00 pm. The sessions on offer will introduce pupils to academic, pastoral and extracurricular aspects of Sixth Form life and ensure that all essential administration is complete in readiness for the new term. Pupils will have the opportunity to meet and chat with their new Tutors and Heads of Department. They will also have a chance to discuss their selection of subjects.

Attendance at both days is compulsory and non school uniform should be worn. Lunch will be provided on both days.

Book return day is after the Physic GCSE exam on 24 June. However, all pupils will be given a Holiday Reading Guide to help prepare them for the transition from GCSE to A Level or IB so there will be plenty to read over the break! The guide contains holiday activities, recommended reading, films and websites by Heads of Department and should be a useful resource through the holiday and at the start of next term. The guide will be available on the school website; www.pgs.org.uk and follow the link on our Home Page.

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I wish everyone well for a relaxing summer break, and look forward to sharing in the good news that I hope GCSE Results Day will bring. Parents and pupils are advised to come to school to collect their GCSE results on Tuesday 24 August. Staff will be on hand to discuss results and any questions you may have about progression to the Sixth Form.

If you have any questions relating to the 'Getting to Know You Day' or the Induction Day or any other Sixth Form matters please do not hesitate to contact Mr Steve Dean in the first instance, s.dean@pgs.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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