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To: Year 11 Parents and Pupils returning to PGS Sixth Form

Dear Parents and Pupils

Lower Sixth Induction Days – Friday 2 and Saturday 3 September

Firstly, congratulations on completing (or being on the cusp of completing) an intense programme of GCSE examinations. Now is the time for a hard-earned break but also an opportunity to fill the coming weeks with all those projects and ideas that have been put off during the exam season.

As to the future, we are looking forward to welcoming you back to PGS as Sixth Form pupils in early September. Please make a note in your diary to attend the two induction days on Friday 2 and Saturday 3 September 2011.

On **Friday 2 September** from 10.30 am the whole of the new Lower Sixth will attend a day at the school designed to allow pupils to have the opportunity to meet and chat with their new tutors, tutor groups and to resolve any academic issues (e.g. subject option changes) with Heads of Department and the Sixth Form Team. It is also a time to start to think about the challenges and opportunities of life as a Sixth Former. The sessions on offer will introduce pupils to academic, pastoral and extracurricular aspects of Sixth Form life. There is much to look forward to, including a choice of over 30 different courses in General Studies to complement pupils' main subject choices. Lunch will be provided and the day will end at around 4.00pm.

On **Saturday 3 September** from 9.45 am is the Team Building Day at Hilsea playing fields. This is a chance to spend some time as a new Lower Sixth year group in an informal setting. Activities will take place in the morning and there will be a barbecue lunch. You will be free to leave from 2.00 pm but since the school senior rugby teams will be playing in pre-season friendly matches in the afternoon you are very welcome to stay to support.

Attendance at the Induction Days is required (unless prior permission for absence has been granted) and smart casual clothes should be worn on Friday, with casual/activity clothes on Saturday.

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All pupils have been given a Holiday Reading Guide to help prepare them for the transition from GCSE to A Level or IB. 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 is available in the Sixth Form Information section the school website; www.pgs.org.uk.

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 Thursday 25 August from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm. 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 Induction Day or any other Sixth Form matters please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is: n.gallop@pgs.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. D Gallop', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

N. D Gallop
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