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17th October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 11 Students

Re: Sixth Form Open Evening 20th November 2025

We are delighted to invite you to our **Sixth Form Open Evening** on **Thursday 20th November 2025**, from **6:00pm to 8:00pm**. This evening will provide a valuable opportunity to explore what life in our Sixth Form has to offer — from academic pathways and enrichment opportunities to the support and guidance available as students take their next steps beyond Year 11.

Throughout the evening, you will have the chance to meet our subject teachers, discuss course options, and learn more about entry requirements for each subject area. Our dedicated staff and current Sixth Form students will be available to answer questions and share their experiences, helping you make informed decisions about the next stage of education.

To give you a fuller picture of Sixth Form life, there will be a series of talks in the Main Hall at **6:15pm**, **6:50pm**, and **7:30pm**, featuring myself, **Mr Hitch (Headteacher)**, and members of our **student leadership team**. These talks will highlight the unique opportunities our Sixth Form provides — from outstanding teaching and academic challenge to leadership development, enrichment activities, and preparation for university, apprenticeships and employment.

Our students will share their personal experiences and successes, giving real insight into how our Sixth Form helps young people grow in confidence, independence, and ambition. We are immensely proud of the community they have built, and we are confident you will leave inspired by what our Sixth Form can offer.

As we look ahead to the coming year, it's important for our Year 11 students to begin considering their next steps. Students currently at Hayes do **not** need to apply for a place in the Sixth Form — instead, they are **requesting a right to transfer**. What we will require from each student are their **subject choices**, which will help us to plan courses and ensure the best possible support for everyone.

These subject choices will be submitted via our **online platform**, and students will receive a **link to access this system on the evening of the Open Evening**. The **deadline for completing course choices is 5.00 pm Friday 16th January 2026**. <https://www.hayes.bromley.sch.uk/sixth-form/how-to-apply/application-support-2/>

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In addition, **before the Christmas break**, all Year 11 students will take part in a **Guidance Meeting**. During this meeting, they will have the opportunity to discuss their **November mock results**, reflect on their progress, and consider the most suitable pathway for them — whether that be continuing at Hayes Sixth Form or pursuing an alternative route elsewhere. This conversation will also serve as a valuable chance to **create an action plan** to ensure each student is on track to meet the **entry criteria** for their chosen next steps in the summer. Students will receive a **time and date** for their Guidance Meeting in due course.

Following the submission of subject choices, **conditional offers** for Sixth Form places will be issued **prior to the Easter holidays**. These offers will outline the courses students have been allocated, based on their choices and availability. It is important to note that these are **conditional offers**, dependent on students meeting the required **entry criteria** in their final GCSE examinations. Details of these entry requirements can be found on the **school website**.

Please note that to join Hayes School Sixth Form, students must meet the minimum general academic entry requirements. These are:

- A-Level Pathway: A minimum of five grade 5s or above
- Academic Vocational and Mixed Pathways: A minimum of five grade 4s or above

It's important to understand that we cannot make exceptions for current Hayes students—these criteria apply equally to all applicants. However, please be assured that teachers, the Sixth Form team, and the Year 11 team will work closely with students to help student meet the conditions of their offer, and will support student with backup options if they are likely to fall short of this.

As part of the transition to Sixth Form, students will be invited to attend one of our **Induction Days** on either **Monday 6th July** or **Friday 10th July**. These days offer a valuable opportunity for students to experience their chosen subjects, meet teachers and peers, and confirm that their selected courses remain the right pathway for them. During the day, students who wish to review or refine their subject choices will also have the chance to meet with myself and members of the Sixth Form team for further guidance. Attendance at an Induction Day is **not compulsory**, but it is strongly encouraged as it provides an excellent insight into Sixth Form life and expectations.

At the end of the induction process, students will receive **bridging units** for each of their chosen subjects to complete over the summer. These tasks are designed to help students prepare effectively for the step up to Year 12 and to ensure they begin the new academic year with confidence and strong foundations.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our **Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 20th November**. It promises to be an informative and inspiring occasion, and we hope it will help both students and families feel confident and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead in our Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely

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