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Dear Parents/Carers,

Options Programme for Year 11 Autumn 2021: Sixth Form Open Evening 14 October

As students start to think about decisions regarding their next steps, the following details give you a sense of the information and guidance available at Oaklands Catholic Sixth Form College for students in Year 11.

We were absolutely delighted that our 2021 Leavers achieved the one of the highest A*-C % pass rates in the area at 88%. In addition, Oaklands Sixth Form has broadened our Study Programmes to offer a range traditional and new subjects with an enviable array of enrichment activities and options including the extended project qualification.

Thursday 14 October SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 5.30 or 6.45 start for students and parents in the main hall. Two identical sessions available:

Session 1

5.30 Students and parents arrive promptly in hall for Head Teacher's presentation. Group moves to Sixth Form Building for 4 x 15 minute subject presentations by teachers (6.00, 6.15, 6.30, 6.45). Opportunity to speak to teachers.
first group departs 7.00 pm

OR

Session 2

6.45 Students and parents arrive in hall for Head Teacher's presentation at 6.55 pm. Group moves to Sixth Form Building for 4 x 15 minute subject presentations by teachers (7.20, 7.35, 7.50, 8.05)
8.20 Finish

Further details of the presentations as well as a subject/building map will be available on the evening, Thursday 14 October. Applications will be accepted from 14 October.

October 2021 Year 11 students who have applied to Oaklands can attend an interview with Mrs Ludlam, Director of Sixth Form Learning. An offer of your

chosen courses will be after application between November 2021 and January 2022.

December 2021 The final deadline for initial applications to Oaklands Sixth Form is Thursday 16 December 2021. The timetable for the following year is based on the subject choices of students who apply at this time. Students who miss this deadline and apply later, can fit into the timetable already set.

July 2022 Sixth Form taster lessons will be held in July 2022 for all prospective Year 12 applicants to Oaklands Sixth Form for September 2022. Staff will offer a taster lesson in their subject to allow students to see how the subject is taught at Sixth Form and also to understand the nature of the subject if it is a new area of study, e.g. Law, Psychology, Politics, Film Studies, Economics, etc.

At the end of this options programme it is hoped that students will have made the right choices *for them* and will be able to start courses in September with the minimum of alteration and review.

I wish every student the best of luck and good judgement in their choices. The decision about where to study and what to study must not be taken lightly. Effective, well-informed choices will affect the rest of the student's education and life choices.

All students are very welcome at any time to contact Oaklands Catholic Sixth Form College for well-informed advice and guidance regarding Post-16 choices.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Ludlam', written in a cursive style.

Mrs B. Ludlam
Director of Sixth Form Learning