



11 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

Sixth form open evening

Thank you to all the year 11 parents who came to our sixth form open evening on Wednesday 9th November, it was a wonderfully positive evening. Thank you also for the many generous comments you shared with us about the usefulness of the evening and also for what we are doing in school for our young people. Teachers enjoyed the opportunity to discuss with students and parents what their subject has to offer and they reported strong interest across the board. Many of our students used the evening to generate a shortlist of possible A levels to study and are thinking about how to narrow that down to their preferred choice of three. In the new year, we will be running A level taster sessions to help year 11 in their decision-making process as well as inviting each student to a one to one interview to reflect on their plans and ideas for further study. We were delighted to see so many students from other schools on the 9th November and are expecting the number of applications for 2023 to be at least as high as it was for 2022. Our sixth form continues to go from strength to strength, and I thank you for the faith you put in us to help your child realise their dreams.

COP27 silent protest

Our Earth Alliance student leadership group staged their silent protest on 10th November at 3pm. It was a chance for students to come together and send a strong message to World leaders. Young people care about the planet and what is happening with global warming and they are doing things to let others know how they feel. Please see our website [here](#) for more details.

Head Student Team applications

The Head Student Team applications have been of the highest quality and showcase the talent, creativity and determination of our senior students. We are part way through the selection process and expect to have a tough time narrowing down the field to the group who will be



interviewed. More details to follow in due course. If you would like to find out more about the work of HST, please visit their page on the website [here](#)

Earth Alliance

Year 12 students have been invited to apply for Earth Alliance leadership for 2023. We have received applications from students who are passionate about protecting the environment and who have clear plans about what we can do to raise awareness and change attitudes. We will be interviewing applicants next week and hope to announce the new team the week after. If you would like to find out more about Earth Alliance, please visit [here](#) for the student produced EA page on our website.

Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to our amazing Duke of Edinburgh team. On Wednesday 9th November, over 90 of our students were presented with their Bronze or Silver certificates. We are delighted that so many of our young people choose to take part in this hugely valuable experience, click [here](#) to find out more.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown'.

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.