



Teesdale School & Sixth Form

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: ~~OO~~ Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 11th October 2023 –6pm-8pm

I would like to invite you to our **Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 6pm**. The event is for parents, carers and their children, providing an opportunity to explore in detail, possible routes and programmes of study available to students as they enter their post-16 education. Our careers adviser, Miss Ward, will also be in attendance to discuss post-16 options with yourselves and our students. This is an important and exciting time for all Year 11 students as they begin to think about their future and consider the variety of options that Teesdale Sixth Form provides.

Sixth Form students benefit from small teaching groups, which support strong progression and ensure all students are known personally by staff and feel valued. Teaching involves a mixture of lectures, small group discussions and individual tutorials. Our dedicated teachers support students to mature academically and reach their potential.

Students have many opportunities to participate in national and regional events, for example, the Lessons from Auschwitz Project, digital bridging project with our partner school in Kenya, the British Biology Olympiad, international trips and much, much more. We also have close links with local universities and offer a wide variety of enrichment and widening participation events in conjunction with them.

Many of our students have taken up internships in disciplines such as medicine or journalism and we encourage all of our students to be 'lead learners' in their subjects and help to support staff and develop the talents of our younger children in the main school. We believe it is important that our students not only receive excellent teaching that allows them to be successful in the future, but that they also have a positive impact on the community around them as evidenced by the variety of charity projects that they organise. We are proud that ours is a sixth form with a social conscience.

Teesdale School is in the unique position to offer Mewhort Scholarships for academic excellence to a number of students. These scholarships provide a generous bursary that supports students with the costs of their university education. Our alumni have shown how these scholarships have greatly enhanced their time at university and are a testament to the talent of our young people.

We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 11th October at 6pm. During the evening there will be opportunities to talk to staff and students about individual subjects and our enrichment programme.

Yours faithfully

Dr S Henderson
Head of Sixth Form, Deputy Headteacher