

September 2016

Dear Parents/ Guardians

As your son starts Year 11, I would like to take this opportunity firstly to remind you of the entry criteria for the Sixth Form at Judd and secondly to outline for you some of the key dates and events this academic year.

Sixty five points are required for entry to Judd Sixth Form (A*=9, A=7, B=6, C=5, D or lower=0; for English and Maths grade 9=9 points, 8=8 points etc. but 3 and below=0 points), together with a minimum grade 5 in both English Language and Mathematics. Additionally, students must meet all subject specific requirements for chosen A Level courses, which will be listed in the updated prospectus, a copy of which will be emailed home to you in due course.

All applications to Judd Sixth Form must be made online via www.ucasprogress.com between 14th October and 31st January 2017. A personalised username and password letter will be given to your son in school in the coming weeks; please **do not** self-register for the website in advance of getting the log in details letter. Please also be aware that not all schools use [ucasprogress](http://ucasprogress.com) (sometimes called Kent Choices 4U) website and closing dates for Sixth Form applications for these schools may very well be earlier than at Judd. We will endeavour to summarise open evening dates, deadlines for application and grade requirements for surrounding schools that typically receive applications from Judd students. This will be shared through Frog.

The following key dates and events will be explained to your son, but I hope this information will be useful for you.

YEAR 11: KEY DATES FOR 2016-2017

Thursday 6th October

Parent's evening. This is an opportunity to discuss your son's progress and review the target grade.

Week Commencing Monday 10th October

Deadline of Monday 10th October for return of Target Review sheet that will be issued to students next week. Grade sheet issued to parents.

Friday 14th October

www.ucasprogress.com website goes live for Judd Sixth Form applications.

Thursday 17th November

Options Evening; School Room 7.00 pm (a talk for one parent per student and year 11 boys)

Wednesday 4th January 2017

Mock exams commence.

Commencing Monday 16th January

As results start coming through, interviews with a member of pastoral staff will be arranged to discuss sixth form option choices and future plans. These interviews will continue throughout January and potentially through February, prioritising those students in need of advice; students can request to be seen as a priority if they are unsure of the best path for them. Interviews that occur after the deadline will of course enable students to alter their choices.

Tuesday 31st January 2017

Deadline for applying to Judd. However, it is very important to note that students who might not meet the entry criteria for Judd **must** apply elsewhere too; multiple applications can be made. Students should consult the Frog page mentioned above or research other schools' websites to see what the criteria are and also what the closing dates are, as they will be different to Judd's.

Week Commencing Monday 6th February 2017

Full report issued this week.

Still to be confirmed: Dates of Study Leave and GCSE exams

Thursday 29th/30th June 2017

6th form induction days / Book clearing

Please make a note in your diary of these dates and ensure your son is available to come in; all students should also be returning their text books on this day.

Thursday 24th August 2017

GCSE Results Day; we recommend that you are not on holiday on this date.

We hope that as many students as possible will have the opportunity of continuing their education at Judd in the Sixth Form and students will be closely monitored and supported to help them reach the entry criteria outlined above. The Heads of House have looked at the end of year reports which were published in the summer. Students who are currently scoring 65 points and under will have the close support of the Assistant Heads of House. Students should also be aware that most departments run revision clinics and students are strongly advised to attend these if necessary (details of these can be found in FROG).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your son's tutor or Head of House.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Wood
Deputy Headmaster