

21st January 2019

Dear Student

I would like to formally invite you and your parents/carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening which is taking place at school on Wednesday 30th January. The evening runs from 6.30-8.00pm and is an opportunity for you to come and find out more information about the Sixth Form here at Queen's Park, the courses on offer and the wider opportunities you can engage with in order to support your education and future pathways.

We are very proud of our Sixth Form and without fail, our students go on to achieve great things both during and after their time here. The Sixth Form further develops the sense of community which is highlighted as a strength of our school and students thrive in the more independent environment which, coupled with being comparatively small in size compared to some other post 16 providers, ensures that students are cared for, tracked and ultimately successful. As former Year 13 student Sheldon put it: "This school is a place where every kind of student from all walks of life get on with one another and look after each other. Nowhere else would there be such a genuine friendship between the whole year group".

When Ofsted visited the school in 2016, they highlighted a great number of strengths about the Sixth Form, including our innovative curriculum, rigour and challenge, and inclusive nature. We welcome students from a range of other schools and they are equally thriving in the positive environment we have created. As well as being taught by experienced teachers in a range of subjects, you will benefit from refurbished space and facilities, including a study room, and common room with Wi-Fi access to support your work outside of lessons, dedicated space within the LLC and your own on site Sixth Form Café, 'The Beach'.

At our Open Evening, you will be able to find out detailed information about the Sixth Form, the subjects you could study, and information about where our Sixth Form is leading our current students and most recent leavers. There will be current Sixth Form students available to speak to about courses and Sixth Form life, who will be able to give you the 'behind the scenes' view. An independent Careers Advisor will also be present to support with impartial advice should you require it.

Making decisions about the next stage in your education can be difficult and it is therefore crucial to get all of the information you can. Even if you've got ideas that don't currently include studying in the Sixth Form, I would encourage you to come along as there are a range of options to suit the vast majority of you. Equipping yourself with all the facts is essential if you

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are to make an informed decision, and remember, you can apply to more than one provider and then make the final decision later down the line. Not getting involved at this stage means that your voice is not heard and your options could be limited later on.

I look forward to giving you a warm welcome and to sharing more information with you on 30th January, and hope to see you there.

Yours faithfully

Mrs V Prydden Head of Sixth Form

PS. Make sure you bring the flyer with you on the night so that you can be in with the chance of winning that meal for 4 with drinks at Nandos!

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