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Dear Parent/Carer Year 11 students

We are writing to update you on our plans for Sixth Form applications this year, and on how we intend to support and guide Year 11 students and families through this process. Inevitably, in the current circumstances, we need to adapt some of what we would usually do, and so we will be offering a blend of virtual and in person events to enable the transition from Year 11 into Year 12 to take place as smoothly as possible. During the next half term, with final dates still to be confirmed, we will be hosting a virtual open evening event, and publishing a new online prospectus. We will be in touch with you as soon as possible to let you know the date of this event. We will also be offering a range of subject information guides and resources to help students choose the right subjects for them in the Sixth Form.

Applications to join the Sixth Form will open at the start of the Spring Term in January and we will hold interviews with all applicants before February half term. These interviews are an opportunity for us to offer individualised advice and support to students on both subject choices and on the many wider opportunities on offer in the Sixth Form here. Following the interview process, students will be made a conditional offer of a place, subject to their GCSE grades meeting the entry requirements. If the situation with Covid-19 allows us to do so, then we will hold further transition events in person during the Spring and/or Summer Terms, but we will update you on that after Christmas, once we are able to do so with any degree of certainty on what we can or cannot offer.

We would recommend having a read of our current prospectus, available online at [www.helsbyhigh.org.uk/sixthform/why-helsby](http://www.helsbyhigh.org.uk/sixthform/why-helsby) as there is a wealth of information there about the courses we offer and about the extra-curricular life of the Sixth Form too. Although there may be some changes when the new prospectus is published, we would expect these to be relatively limited from a course content point of view.

We are speaking to all Year 11 students in their tutor time this week to outline these plans too, and would ask that if they, or you have any questions at all about the Sixth Form here at Helsby, that you contact us via [sixthformadmin@helsbyhigh.org](mailto:sixthformadmin@helsbyhigh.org). We look forward to working with our Year 11 students and families to ensure a smooth transition to this important next part of their education.

Yours sincerely

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