

Dear families

31 December 2024

An exciting year ahead for Year 11 students

As we come to the end of the year, we want to take a moment to look ahead to 2025, which will be a crucial time for all our Year 11 students. GCSEs are fast approaching, and it's also the perfect time for you and them to think about the next stage in education: deciding on the right Sixth Form to build on their achievements. We hope that as many students as possible will choose Heron Hall for their Sixth Form, so they can continue their success with us.

What is happening next?

We will be encouraging students to make their formal applications to us in early January. Please encourage your child to think about their future and the advantages of staying with us for a further two years.

Our second annual 'Futures 2025 Conference'

We are excited to announce that our second annual 'Futures 2025 Conference' will take place in February. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore their options for the future and learn about the wide variety of courses available to them in Sixth Form and beyond.

Students will have the chance to:

- Find out about different course choices and pathways, including A-levels and vocational qualifications.
- Meet and hear from professionals in a range of careers, sharing their experiences and advice.
- Gain valuable insights into the skills and knowledge needed for today's workplace.

This event will help students make informed decisions about their next steps and inspire them to aim high in their future careers.

Fantastic opportunities at Heron Hall

We have unrivalled contacts with some of the UK's best businesses, as well as entrepreneurs, senior politicians and civil servants.

We are therefore, proud to offer our students access to some fantastic opportunities, including visits to leading companies and firms – from global corporations in the City to innovative local businesses.

These visits are an invaluable way for students to experience the world of work, expand their horizons, and gain insights into the careers available to them.

Great news – our first university offers

As a new Sixth Form, we are so very proud that we have now had our first students receive university offers.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

If you have any questions about Sixth Form, please do not hesitate to contact after the holiday break.

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