

## From the First Deputy Head

End of Term mail out – July 2008

Dear Parent

By February of next year, your child will have to make his or her subject choices for the Sixth Form. This is daunting, is it not? We can as a school, however, can give you considerable advice and assistance, about the suitability of subjects and courses for individual children, about university matters, and about careers. I am writing to explain our plans for the next few months, in order both to apprise you of what we offer, and to ask for your help in letting us know what you believe your children want or need.

We begin in the Autumn '08 with Morrisby tests, a nationally recognised assessment of the suitability of individuals for potential careers. House parents are trained to feedback the results to the pupils in their houses, and Mrs Jill Parsons assists them with additional information and advice. In early November we offer a 6<sup>th</sup> Form course information evening to pupils and their parents. Subsequent to that the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Option Blocks are issued. After Christmas we will be putting on a Careers Faire for the first time in some years. Details of this are on the separate sheet, as I have sent it to all parents. This is to be followed by a Year 11 Parents' evening and additional optional appointments with Mr Egdell or myself. The deadline for 6<sup>th</sup> form choices follows these meetings.

The exact dates are as follows:

9 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Morrisby tests.
30 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Houseparents training for feedback of Morrisby tests.
4 <sup>th</sup> November	-	6 <sup>th</sup> Form course information evening.
10 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	-	Houseparents feedback Morrisby tests results.
10 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	-	Mrs Parsons available for additional consultations.
8 <sup>th</sup> December	-	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Option Blocks are issued.
16 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Careers Faire.
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	-	Year 11 parents evening.
27 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Private appointments with Mr Livingstone or Egdell.
6 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Deadline for submissions of 6 <sup>th</sup> Form options.

If you have any questions, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Fergus Livingstone