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Sixth Form Transition policy – Streatham and Clapham High School - 2024

- During Year 10 and Year 11, Sixth Form team and Student Leadership Team will offer students information about the Sixth Form and advice on how to start choosing A level subjects, including the SLT panel interview and time with Year 12 students.
- The Director of Sixth Form will update a folder with helpful resources to the Y10/11 Team so that students have access to tips and resources.
- The Into the Sixth (open) evening event will be held in week 2 or 3 of the Autumn term of Year 11, to give students and parents the chance to find out about subject and sixth form provision: this will run from 18.00-20.30 with a talk about sixth form life, academic and pastoral provision, followed by 15 minute subject specific and specialist (Oxbridge, EPQ, degree apprenticeship) sessions across the first, second and third floors. These are designed to give an overview of what each A-level is like, the specification and curriculum.
- Year 11 forms will be allocated Year 12 mentors and subject ambassadors to come to form time and give advice about mocks/ exams and sixth form study/ life once per term.
- A Year 11 taster day will be take place 1-2 weeks after the open event, at which students can choose 5 subject sessions to trial and will live like a Sixth Former for the day, including having lunch in the Sixth Form café and a free period (if they choose).
- After mocks, the Head of Year 11 and Deputy Head: Academic will speak to students and parents of students for whom SCHS may not be the best fit at Sixth Form, which will be followed by a letter confirming that we advise looking at other options.
- From early December to early February, The Director of Sixth Form and Head of Year 13 will have 20 minute 1:1 appointments with students during the school day to discuss options and ensure the best possible profile of A levels for them. These will also be used to discuss the co-curricular and leadership opportunities

we can provide in the Sixth Form, as well as whether students are planning on Oxbridge/ VMD applications and therefore need early support with this.

- The Director of Sixth Form will arrange meetings with parents for any students of concern and follow up meetings for students who need further support.
- A-level options should be communicated to the Director of Sixth Form and Deputy Head Curriculum by February half term for timetabling/ option blocks, with a letter to parents explaining this and what it means for changes to options.
- Students will be encouraged to choose 3 subjects or 4 in a small number of cases (as well as an EPQ if choosing 3).
- On results day, A level options will be reviewed to check that all students are achieving at least a grade 7 in the subjects or facilitating subjects they will study at A level, and to consider extenuating circumstances.
- Students will experience one induction day at the beginning of Year 12, in which they start to acclimatise to the Sixth Form, learn about the workings of the Sixth Form and meet their tutors and form groups. Their first half term will then be referred to as an induction period, in which they will learn about how best to manage the transition from GCSE to A-level and how to succeed as a Sixth Form student.
- Students who start with 4 A levels may be encouraged to drop one in the first term to focus on getting the best 3, and this will happen in conversation with the Head of Year 12 and Director of Sixth Form, as well as subject teachers.
- Students may change subjects, if the option blocks allow, until the end of week 2 of Year 12, after which this will only be allowed in a very small number of cases and with set conditions.