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Dear Parent/Carer

Further to the letter that I sent to you in November, I am writing to update you on the schools post 16 advice and guidance programme. Since I wrote Form Tutors have talked to all students about the plans for January.

On the 17 and 18 January there will be a Sixth Form induction event at school. This will take the format of students having "taster" lessons in six subjects, along with an introduction to Sixth Form life and study skills lessons that are specifically designed to aid A level studies.

Students have been asked to choose more lessons to sample than they can actually apply for, to provide them with as much knowledge about specific subjects as possible. We have found that in the past students have chosen subjects and then changed their minds once they started the course. By sampling a variety of lessons students will be more informed about their choices

At the same time there are visits to Leeds and Bradford colleges, for those students who have said that they do not intend to stay on into the Sixth Form. The visit to Leeds will be to Leeds City College or to Leeds College of Building.

The visits to college may not be able to give every student a sample of the specific course that they wish to study, due to the huge range of courses that students are considering. However, the visits will enable students to have a tour of the college, look at the facilities, have a taster session in an appropriate curriculum area and provide an opportunity to ask questions.

All year 11 students must take part in either the visits to college or the Sixth Form event. If students are undecided about staying on in the Sixth Form or going to College, then they should take part in one visit to a college and one day at the Sixth Form event.

I appreciate that some students have applied and been accepted at certain colleges. In these cases it is useful for students to see what other colleges or the Sixth Form have to offer. Students can then apply for more than one course so that they keep their future options open. Having talked to students in the past about their college taster sessions, a number had not considered applying before their visit.

If your child is attending Leeds and/or Bradford Colleges, a permission slip is attached and a copy will also be given to your child in registration today. Can I ask you to complete the permission slip and return it to me, via the Form Tutor, by Tuesday 18 December?

I will write to you again in January with further details and timings. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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