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Dear Year 11,

I hope that you are well and enjoying your long summer break. I hope that you are excited about starting the Sixth Form in September. There has been a change to the start date in September – you will now return on Wednesday 6 September, times etc. will follow.

Between now and then you will need to prepare yourself for a different way of working. Being in the Sixth Form means that during the school day you will not always be in lessons and you will need to learn to work independently. The summer period is an excellent time to start to develop these skills and to begin to plan your next steps.

On the school website, in the Sixth Form section is a link called 'Sixth Form Transition Tasks'.

In this section there is information, instructions and tasks for you to read through and complete for each subject that you have chosen to study in the Sixth Form. The tasks contain work that <u>must be completed before you start in September</u>. During lessons in September, you will be expected to show that you have completed this work. This may be electronic or written. By completing this work, you will be giving yourself the best possible chance of succeeding.

In addition to each subject there is also a document called "Sixth Form Wider Reading". This document contains additional work that you could choose to do. This ranges from watching subject specific films, listening to Ted Talks, to reading books that will improve your overall knowledge. You don't have to stick to your chosen subjects in this section; have a look, see what interests you and have a go.

During the Sixth Form taster lessons in January, you attended a session with me where I introduced Unifrog. This is an extensive online platform that provides information on careers, apprenticeships and universities. To access this, go to www.unifrog.org and log in. If you can't remember your password, then follow the instructions to reset your password.

Once you are in Unifrog then I would recommend using:-

- the subjects and careers library to look at where your subjects could take you.
- the know how guide, which has videos and guides on everything from your well-being to Oxbridge Universities
- the universities tiles, to find out about all types of university and courses

This is only a small selection of what Unifrog offers so do explore it.

You will also see in the Sixth Form section of the website, a link to 'Dress Code'. Please read this carefully as this will guide you as what you should and should not wear during your time in Sixth Form.

I hope that you enjoy completing the tasks. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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