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To Parent/Carers and Year 10 students

6th Form College Taster Days

Although it seems an age away that your son / daughter will be looking at moving on from Downlands to continue their education we are starting to prepare them for the choices that they have to make next year. During the summer term Year 10 students will be able to attend a taster day at our local 6th Form colleges to find out about the courses they offer and gain an insight into what college life is like. All students are encouraged to attend one of these sessions, although it is not compulsory. **Students can attend one session only.**

The Colleges ask that students apply on line via their websites. I recommend that they do this as soon as possible to not be disappointed as the Colleges have a limited number of spaces. Therefore, please can students look at the college websites and follow their directions. **Please complete the parental permission form and return to me ASAP – it is important that I receive this form back.**

BHASVIC	A purely academic college offering A levels	Apply on line only	www.bhasvic.ac.uk	Thursday 4 July
Crawley College	Offering vocational courses only	Apply on line only	www.crawley.ac.uk/tasters	
Brighton MET College	Offering vocational courses only	Apply on line only	www.gbmc.ac.uk	East Campus – 2 July Central Campus–3 July
Northbrook MET College	Offering vocational courses only	Apply on line only	www.gbmc.ac.uk	10 or 11 July
East Sussex College-Lewes	Offers a mixture of A levels and vocational courses	Apply on line only	www.escg.ac.uk	Tuesday 2 July
Varndean College	A purely academic college offering A levels	Apply on line only	www.varndean.ac.uk	Thursday 4 July
Plumpton College	A land based college	Applications forms from Mrs Cutress	www.plumpton.ac.uk	24 or 25 June

I will be organising our annual On From 16 evening in October when all local colleges and a number of training providers will be here to give more information about courses and training options. You will be given more information about this in September. The colleges also host Open Evenings in October and November which students will be encouraged to attend. Details will follow in the Autumn Term.

Please feel free to contact me if you require further clarification or have trouble applying on line.

Yours faithfully

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