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Year 10 Life in Sixth Form Day Tuesday 16th July 2019 – Week B

Dear Students

The Life in Sixth Form Day is an opportunity for you to have a "taste" of life in the Holt Sixth Form. For one day, you will experience a day in the life of a sixth former. You will have some sixth form lessons in the subjects that you choose and use the sixth form centre as a base at break and lunchtime – either bring your own lunch or you can go into the café early. The dress code is 'college appropriate clothing'.

On the reverse of this page there is a list of the subjects for you to look at and make your choices.

It is important to note that the subjects you choose now are for Life in Sixth Form Day only and they will have no bearing on what you may eventually choose to follow should you decide to join our Sixth Form in Year 12.

We have arranged this day for you to sample the types of lessons and teaching you may get. It might be that you want to try something a bit different, perhaps a subject that you have not studied before. As you will see from the list, there is a wide range of subjects available. Please take the opportunity this weekend to have a think and decide what 4 subjects you would like to try – do ensure you discuss with your parents/guardians as well. We would also like you to select a reserve choice, in case we cannot give everyone all 4 subjects due to blocking and timetables. However, please be assured that should you end up in your 'reserve choice' lesson, we will make sure you get your other choice at the Year 11 Taster Day in November.

Later on today, you will receive an email from <u>noreply@sims.co.uk</u> inviting you to set up a SIMS Options account. Click the link in the email and follow the instructions, bearing in mind the following;

- 1. Use Office 365 as the account type and enter your school email address.
- 2. If you are using a school computer, make sure you are logged on to the computer and not someone else.
- 3. Use Chrome to access your emails.
- 4. If you need to log back in to Options at a later time click the orange box from within the email.

Once in, you can select Options, and then your 4 choices (which will turn blue) and 5th (which will turn orange) as a reserve. If you have any problems or queries, please contact either Mrs Harrington/Mrs Rose in the data office, or Mrs Gale in the sixth form centre.

Deadline for choosing these subjects is 15.30 on Wednesday 12th June.

We look forward to seeing you in the 6th form Centre on the 16th July at 08.40.

Yours sincerely

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Please choose 4 subjects and one reserve. Your fifth period will be a 'Life in the Sixth Form' session with some current students and staff members.

Art	You will also produce an experimental piece of work which will give you a taste for the
	type of lessons you will experience next year.
Biology	Biology is the study of life in all its awe inspiring complexity, starting with the human
	body. Explore the oddities and bizarre facts relating to the human body and how this has
	links to the world around us.
Business	Come and have a go at an interactive activity that will give an insight into the business
	world.
Chemistry	Chemistry is the central science which involves exciting chemical reactions that can
	cause bangs, explosions, smells, heat and range of coloured light!
Computer Science	A brief overview of the subject and the benefits of Computational thinking.
Economics	Gain an insight into behavioural economics, which is a relatively new area of economics
	that has links with psychology.
English Literature	In English Literature, we need to use clues and evidence to form opinions about
	characters and situations. In our Taster Lesson, you will have to solve a mystery and
	work out which character has committed the worst crime. There are five suspects and
	each one has done something they are ashamed of.
French	"What do you call Parisians who jump into rivers?
	In Seine!" A lesson on the peculiarities of the French language!
Further Maths	Are you fed up of MATH ERROR on your calculator? Join us as we go beyond the number
	line to look at square rooting negative numbers, and explore the world of imaginary
	numbers.
Geography	Have you ever wondered what forces shape our Earth? How the Earth created an
	atmosphere suitable for life? And how these forces can be so destructive for life and
	property? If so then come and to the Geography taster session!
Government &	Otto von Bismarck: Politics is the art of the possible
Politics	Socrates: One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up
Fonties	being governed by your inferiors.
	being governed by your interiors.
Health & Social	In HSC you will delve into the causes and effects of many diseases such as stroke,
Care BTEC	emphysema and cataracts to name the few. In addition to understanding many diseases
	you will also learn how to compassionately care for people with mental and physical
	disabilities.
History	The best reason to choose history? Not in order to predict the future to free yourself
	from the past and imagine alternative destinies. When you know the past you are free to
	shake off the cultural burden and make decisions for yourself.
Maths	Ever wondered what Elsa was singing about in 'Let it go'? Come and find out about the
	beauty of fractals as we explore the maths behind snowflakes.
Music	We will be exploring the construction of pop songs, one of the areas of study on the A
	level course, and looking at how advanced musical features can be incorporated into our
	music through a series of musical challenges. Feel free to bring along your instrument for
	some practical music making.



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Physical Education	A-level PE gives an exciting insight into the anatomy, physiology and biomechanics of the
	human body. Students also explore the links between the brain and sporting actions.
Physics	Witness the amazing phenomena of electricity and particle physics in "hair raising "
	demonstrations.
Product Design	Allows you to take a broad view of design and technology (Graphics, Textiles and
	Resistant materials), and develop your capacity to design & make products, appreciate
	the symbiotic relationship between design, materials, manufacture and marketing.
Psychology	Psychology of love island.
	In Psychology you will explore the evolution of human reproductive behaviour including
	factors that affect mate choice (for example, why we choose a partner with certain
	characteristics), relationships (whether they are successful or break up) and the role that
	dance plays in it. We will also consider 'the love island effect', the impact the media has
	on self-esteem of young people watching and participating in the program.
Sociology	Are the sexes equal yet?
	In Sociology you will explore the representation of women in media and to what extent
	do popular reality shows encourage existing stereotypes instead of being advocates for
	change and equality in our society.
Spanish	An exploration of Spanish culture through music, food and dance.