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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Leighton Park School and more specifically, welcome to the Sixth Form community at Leighton Park. The next two years will be exciting, challenging and enjoyable, bringing new friends, new dreams and new opportunities for your child.

The Sixth Form at Leighton Park is different from the rest of the School. We are looking for students to uphold and promote its values and ethos, make a contribution to the well-being of the other students and the wider community and fully embrace our rich and stimulating A Level and IB Diploma programmes. This is a time when students must assume greater responsibility for their own learning and show mature interest in their academic studies. We look forward to supporting the students in every way possible as they enter this stage of their education, as well as helping them in the complex decisions about higher education, universities and degree courses.

Students will be part of a small tutor group, with each Tutor responsible for the academic and personal development of their tutees. Tutors see their tutees at least twice a day, so quickly get to know them. This close level of pastoral support is an important part of how we ensure each student feels supported and one of the reasons our students' academic progress is amongst the very best in the country.

Our Upper Sixth have received many excellent offers from universities in the UK and beyond. They hope to be leaving home in the autumn to study a wide range of courses. We encourage and support every student as they take the time to identify the course that will be right for them. As a result, they will be studying courses that range from the traditional, like mathematics, politics and economics to more contemporary choices such as film studies and product design. Our programme of preparation for this begins right at the start of the Lower Sixth, whether this next stage is university, a gap year, a higher-level apprenticeship or employment. The majority of our Upper Sixth students will enter into higher education at university, usually Russell Group institutions, others will take a gap year first, but we encourage all to consider their options.

Key Dates for Your Diary

We would like to invite your child to a Sixth Form Academic Induction Day on **Monday 23rd June**. The day will include taster lessons following a personalised timetable, a sociable lunch, a presentation on expectations and organisation in the Sixth Form and conclude with an introduction to the co-curricular programme.

All families are invited to come and enjoy our open air annual Music For A Summers' Evening Concert on **Saturday 28th June**. You are more than welcome to bring your own picnic or may prefer to purchase something tasty from the PSC BBQ or light refreshments from our Sixth Formers. If you are not able to stay for the entire time, please do come along for as much of the event as you wish.



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To help our new Lower Sixth settle into life on the Park as quickly as possible, new boarders can arrive from 4.00pm on **Tuesday 2nd September** and the first day for all new Lower Sixth will be **Wednesday 3rd September**.

Welcome Evening

I look forward to meeting you all at the Lower Sixth Welcome Evening at **6.00pm on Friday 5th September** in the Main Hall, within the Michael Malnick Centre for a welcome talk followed by refreshments and the opportunity to meet Sixth Form tutors and other members of staff.

Isle of Wight Adventure Weekend

All Lower Sixth students are invited to the PGL trip to the Isle of Wight from **Friday 12th to Sunday 14th September**. This is a fantastic way for newcomers to the School to integrate as they spend a weekend on the Isle of Wight engaged in a range of activities designed to help the new year group bond, have fun and challenge themselves.

Communications from Leighton Park

The majority of communication from the School will be electronic. In addition to our weekly eBulletin (Wednesdays) which provides key information for the weeks ahead, we have 'My School Portal' which is a website enabling you to keep track of all things Leighton Park. It offers access to the School calendar including sports fixtures and your child's hobbies, provides the Parent Evening Bookings, and a wealth of reference information such as term dates, dress code, school menus etc. Your child will be given a Leighton Park email address which they should check at least once every day. You may like to attend one of the LP IT Sessions on offer in September to learn more.

We want all our students to benefit from the School's distinctive ethos, based on Quaker values. We look forward to you joining our forward-looking, busy and hard-working community. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions, queries or concerns.

Kind regards,

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