

12 December 2011

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students

### Introduction to the Sixth Form Evening - Thursday 12 January 2012

Your son or daughter will soon need to make important decisions that will shape his/her future career. For this reason Wood Green School holds an evening where students and parents can find out, first hand, about Sixth Form options and choices. Year 11 students have already attended a presentation in the Sixth Form Centre about the opportunities available to them here and the application process.

The evening starts with a series of short presentations at **6.45pm in the Hall**, including:

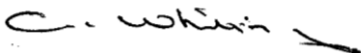
- *Life in the WGS Sixth Form*, setting out how the Year 12 experience is so different
- *How the Witney Consortium Option Block Works*, and general advice on selecting A Levels
- *Current students* share their experience of deciding on courses and what it is like to join Wood Green from another school
- *Extra-curricular opportunities* are explained such as the Arts Award and Sports Leadership Award

There will also be the chance to visit our Sixth Form Centre, but perhaps the most valuable aspect of the evening is the chance to visit departments and talk with staff about the specific demands of individual subjects. For example what is the difference between A Level English Literature and English Language and Literature; what are the characteristics of a successful Mathematics student; what is the best fourth A level to combine with History, Government and Politics and English Literature courses? This is your opportunity to have these questions answered.

Staff are supported throughout the evening by volunteer current sixth formers who are only too happy to pass on their advice about the 'real' A Level experience. You will also find out how we support students through individual academic mentoring sessions to ensure the best possible A level grades. We also offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities to help develop 'the whole person' and to prepare for university, a gap year, or the world of work.

We are proud that following our Ofsted inspection in September 2010, inspectors concluded that students 'make excellent progress in their academic work and consistently attain very high standards by the end of Year 13. This is the result of excellent teaching, support and guidance.' Over 83% of our students went on to degree level courses. I look forward to welcoming you to the Introduction to the Sixth Form Evening to explain why.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Sixth Form & Assistant Headteacher

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