Welcome to our Sixth Form Open Evening

Borden Grammar School: Where Your Future Matters
Outline of the presentation

- Welcome by the Headteacher - Mr Hopkins
- Guide to Sixth Form Life – Mr Brinn & students
- The road to success in the summer – Mr Artingstoll
The Headteacher’s perspective on Advanced Levels:

- The most rewarding but challenging phase of your education
- The route to securing yourself every future advantage
- A time for personal and academic development
- If GCSEs enable you to demonstrate breadth, Advanced Levels allow you to pursue subjects in depth
Outcomes for Borden’s y13 students in recent years:

Typically at the end of their sixth form studies:

- students achieve >50% A*-B Grades
- 99% achieve 3 Advanced Level passes
- 80% students progress to university
- 20% students move into employment or training
Minimum entrance requirements

- Five GCSE passes at grades A*-C (inc. English & Maths) of which four should be at least grade B

- If a student secures 5 A*-C grades in their GCSEs but does not secure a C in either English or Maths then they have to continue this qualification in y12

- Subject guidance sets out:
  i) which subjects require an A at GCSE level
  ii) subjects at post-16 which require previous study
  iii) success in GCSE core subjects
Your route through year 12

- You will choose 4 subjects
- You all study General Studies as an AS level

- You are all advised to weigh up the benefit of taking 2 ‘facilitating’ subjects - what some Russell Group universities require as part of their offer
- Some should take 3 ‘facilitating’ subjects if you are considering careers in medicine, dentistry etc
Different routes through year 13

Leadership Group reviews y12 exam performance

- Continue with 4 subjects to A2 level for academic fulfilment or to gain a competitive edge

- Continue with 3 subjects to A2 + General Studies

- Add the Extended Project Qualification to either of the above options if you achieve 5 A/A* at GCSE
How does our partnership with Fulston Manor & Highsted work?

• Students stay based at their home school
• Subjects offered by the home school are studied at the home school unless timetable clashes dictate otherwise
• A minority of Borden students study subjects such as Health & Social Care or Performing Arts at Fulston Manor and A Level Music or Theatre Studies at Highsted
How Borden contributes to the partnership:

- **New courses able to be studied at Borden:** Business; Film Studies; Finance; Further Maths; Government & Politics; Photography; Psychology; Sociology

- **Unique courses offered by Borden in the partnership:** English Language/Literature & RE. In recent years Borden has ensured provision for the partnership exists in DT, French & Spanish & ICT

- All subjects dependent upon viable option numbers and workable timetable blocks
Why Sixth Form?

- Mr Brinn’s perspective
- Current students’ perspective
- Ofsted’s perspective
How do you join the Sixth Form?

- Application – kentchoices4u.com
- Informal interview
- Match: ability, interests, choices
- Grades – August 2014
- Registration
Why Borden?

- Strong results across the ability range by our own students and those who join from other schools
- Exceptional library and study facilities
- Widest provision at Post-16 in the locality
- Highly qualified staff
- Excellent pastoral support, personalised Careers & UCAS advice
- High expectations for all
How is Sixth Form Different?

- Independent study
- Teacher / student relationships
- Style of teaching
- Dress code
- Increasing independence
New opportunities:

- Prefect responsibility
- Sport representation
- Voluntary service
- Work experience
- Academic & Peer mentor
- Contribute to Aim Higher
- Support or lead clubs for y7-11
Year 11 Calendar - Nov/Dec:

- Preparation for mock examinations in term 3
- Individual careers interviews
- Controlled Assessment Preparation or Coursework
- Audits – Receive, review
- Interview with Leadership Group or key year head
- Sixth Form Application – kentchoices4u.com
Year 11 Calendar: Terms 3/4

- Mock examinations
- Results and predictions
- Reports and Parents’ Evening
- Sixth Form interviews
- Final coursework deadlines
- Revision guidance
Year 11 Calendar: Terms 5/6

- GCSE examinations begin
- Revision classes / study leave
- Book return
- GCSE Results – Thursday 21 August 2014
- Review of A Level options in light of actual GCSE results with the Leadership Group