

28 September 2017

Dear Student and Parent/Carer,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the Grove College Open Evening on **Thursday 05 October 2017**. This important evening is for all students entering Year 12 in September 2018. Although this seems a long way off, I know that lots of students are already getting excited about their next steps and we are here to offer them every support with this.

We are hugely proud of the provision that our College provides. In a unique setting, we have created a warm, positive, and supportive learning environment where students thrive. Whilst having access to the continuity of our inclusive pastoral and academic support systems, students also benefit from small class sizes and a different relationship with staff away from the hustle and bustle of the main school.

At Grove College, we are very proud of our achievements over recent years. The DfE performance tables show that our A level students make good progress, with the average grade for students' best 3 A levels being a grade B. We are also given the highest rating possible from the Government for our vocational subjects, as our Cambridge Technical students make "well above average progress". We also pride ourselves on the support we give to students in ensuring they have the future they want. As a result of this, every student from Year 13 in 2017 either gained their university place of choice including Cambridge University, or went on to an apprenticeship for further training or employment. Our post-16 provision is judged to be Good by Ofsted (October 2015), because in lessons progress is sustained, the enrichment activities are wide ranging and the support is excellent. These wonderful achievements are a tribute to the hard work and commitment of our students and the dedicated expertise of our team of College staff which includes a full time dedicated Learning Mentor.

Open Evening begins at 17:30 when staff and students will be available in the College to discuss courses and the experiences of College life. Please take the time to read through our prospectus which outlines the range of courses available and their requirements for entry as well as the extra opportunities the College offers. Grove College offers you the opportunity to study A levels, Cambridge Technical Level 3 courses or a combination of both.

At 18:30, in G01, there will be a short address by Kate Griffin – Director of Post-16 Studies and Pauline Brown who has the strategic lead for Post-16 Studies. You will also have a chance to hear from our current students. Over the evening, please take time to look around the College, talk to students, tutors and subject specialist teachers. There will also be careers advice for those of you wishing to discuss your pathways beyond College.

We look forward to meeting you on **05 October 2017** and in the meantime if you would like more information about the College or post-16 opportunities in general please do not hesitate to contact me or Miss Griffin.

Yours faithfully

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