



26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### Sixth Form Virtual Taster Day

As part of our guidance and support for Year 11 students, we are holding a Virtual Taster Day on Friday 12th February 2021. The purpose of the day is to enable students to make informed decisions about what they plan to undertake after their GCSEs and to provide them with a clear idea as to what to expect if they opt for a full-time course in the Sixth Form.

All Year 11 students will be taken off their usual timetable for the day and will follow a set programme depending on their choice of option. There are three possible options for the day and your son/daughter will need to choose the most appropriate one to match his/her career plans. Their tutor and teachers can help to guide their choice if they are unsure.

The day will run virtually and will be accessed via either Cisco Webex or Zoom. We have condensed the day into a longer morning with shorter sessions than normal lesson times to prevent any screen fatigue and keep students interested and motivated. The options will be as follows:

- Option A** To follow a timetabled programme of chosen Sixth Form subject taster lessons at Northallerton Sixth Form College.
- Option B** To access short taster sessions at Middlesbrough College to find out about the courses available, have a virtual tour of the campus and attend a Q&A session.
- Option C** To access short taster sessions at Askham Bryan College to find out about the courses available, have a virtual tour of the campus and attend a Q&A session.
- Option D** Real life, ready for work - the apprenticeship route.

In order for us to plan the days, can students please complete the attached google form by 5.00pm on Friday 29th January 2021. This is just an indication of initial intentions. Further details will follow that are specific to the option that students choose.

<https://forms.gle/wHEr66cuVb9Nv6eb8>

If you have any queries about the day, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Redpath ([redpath.k@northallertonschool.org.uk](mailto:redpath.k@northallertonschool.org.uk)) or Miss Robson ([robson.d@northallertonschool.org.uk](mailto:robson.d@northallertonschool.org.uk))

Kind regards

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