



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



29 April 2021

Dear applicant

I hope that this email finds you and your family well. I am writing to provide you with an update on your application to Hearnor Gate Sixth Form and to share with you what I hope you will view as an exciting opportunity.

In the press you will have heard politicians scaremonger that your generation will ‘lose out’ as a result of the pandemic, or a need to ‘catch up’ lost learning. At Hearnor Gate Sixth Form we genuinely believe both viewpoints are completely untrue and feel that with the right leadership our students will continue to flourish in the months and years ahead. That’s why after the June half term, our school will be ‘Stepping Up’ as part of our ‘Step Up, Not Catch Up’ initiative. As part of this we are inviting all Sixth Form applicants to start Year 12 study on Monday 14 June 2021. This means that in a year where learning has been disrupted, giving you this additional time will really help to secure any knowledge gaps that may exist in GCSE content and then allow you to get to grips with the demands of your chosen courses at Post 16. We also know that joining a new school can be daunting and to help integrate you into Hearnor Gate Sixth Form we will be hosting an induction afternoon on Friday 11 June 2021 for all Sixth Form applicants who do not currently attend Hearnor Gate Science College. Please take the time to view the following video which provides further details regarding this opportunity and what you need to do next if you’d like to be involved- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bwbbgrgWV4Lz-C-P0wAULHy9FyQv--1u2/view?usp=sharing>

Further correspondence will be sent to you during the w/c 3 May 2021 but should you have any questions in the meantime then please do not hesitate to contact Monica Burrows using mburrows@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk

I also wanted to update you on some exciting news regarding our school as a whole. All schools within the Spencer Academy Trust are undergoing a rebranding and as part of this from 1 September 2021 the Hearnor Gate Science College will be renamed Hearnor Gate Spencer Academy. We have been working hard behind the scenes to establish a new school badge which to the naked eye bears some resemblance to our previous colours / logo and at the heart of it is reference to the history and tradition of ‘the Hearnor gate’.



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As we move into a new era as Hearnor Gate Spencer Academy, our vision now is to make sure that our school goes beyond good, to succeed in giving the students in this area the very best education possible. That of course includes the best examination results, but also means the best opportunities, access to excellent facilities and the best advice and guidance to succeed in life. I hope you will see our ‘Step Up, Not Catch Up’ initiative as a fantastic opportunity and something that you would like to be a part of.

Please check your email again next week for further information and details on how to confirm your enrolment into our Step Up programme from the w/c 14 June 2021.

Yours sincerely

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