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Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Carers and Year 11 Students,

## SIXTH FORM Open EVENING Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Aylesford School will be hosting a number of Post 16 transition events and opportunities throughout the year and we are delighted to invite year 11 internal and external students and their parents/carers to attend. We appreciate that the transition from year 11 into Sixth Form can be a daunting experience for both students and their parents/carers. Therefore, we encourage students to take full advantage of the opportunities we offer, including our Sixth Form Induction on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 and taster sessions (dates for taster sessions are yet to be confirmed), where students will be able to try out the different subjects on offer to them.

## **The Vision for Aylesford School**

The vision for Aylesford School is to provide 'an education that builds character'- high quality Academic and Character Education which develops confident young people who are successful learners and contribute positively to society. This is underpinned by our strap line 'Courage, Confidence, Character'. We also believe that all Sixth Form students should have high aspirations and become lifelong learners who are independent and strive for educational excellence which releases potential.

We firmly believe that every student regardless of background or ability can achieve whatever they want and with hard work and determination. We are passionate about ensuring that students reach their potential at Aylesford Sixth Form and believe that if students develop good character strengths. They will be successful at whatever they try. At Aylesford School our staff have developed a 'Can Do' attitude and are prepared to do whatever it takes to maintain high standards and continually improve progress and attainment. We recognize that strong positive relationships are key, as is celebration of success.

Teaching and Learning are at the forefront of everything that we do and our teachers will stretch and challenge students, provide support when needed and be a source of inspiration.

It is also really important to us that students enjoy Sixth Form and we are always looking for opportunities to promote this. Students will have opportunities to increase cultural capital with termly trips, plan and run charity and community events, take part in sporting activities, and take a lead role in student leadership throughout the school- all of which will help to nurture their talents and hopefully provide a love of schoolwe want students to be happy.







## **Application Process**

All year 11 students will receive a log in for Kent Choices from our Careers Advisor Mr Doggett. This is an online portal where students can apply to Aylesford Sixth Form and other post 16 options. Please be aware that some educational establishments will have their own application process, so it is important that you find out where and how the application should be done. Applications open on the portal on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.** Anyone that applies to Aylesford Sixth Form before the penultimate week of term before Christmas, will be interviewed before the half term holidays and so will know if they have received a conditional offer. This is an offer that will depend on your GCSE results in the summer.

## **Sixth Form Open Evening**

Aylesford School will be hosting a **Sixth Form Open Evening** on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025**; **4:00pm-7:00pm** and would like to invite students in year 11 and their parents/carers to attend. Open Evening is usually a popular event that attracts our current year 11 students and also external students who attend other schools in the local area, but are looking for different options. There will be two speeches from the Head of Sixth Form Mrs Dighton, that will be taking place at specific times throughout the evening and you will be able to speak to our KS5 teachers, who will be running a subject market place in the Sixth Form Centre. This is an excellent opportunity to view the school and the Sixth Form areas, and to engage with staff and students to provide all the information needed to decide on your post 16 destination.

To **book a space** at the Aylesford School Sixth Form Open Evening, please complete the following link: https://forms.office.com/e/Mae704BhN3

Aylesford Sixth Form looks forward to welcoming you to our events and hopefully choosing our 'Good' Sixth Form to continue your studies.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Dighton

Assistant Headteacher & Director of Sixth Form





