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Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to Post-16 at Okehampton College

September has arrived and with it comes a raft of changes! It has been a very busy first few weeks back, sorting timetables and making changes to ensure we get everyone's curriculum right. In the midst of this, there has still been opportunity for discussions around social committees, playing a game of table tennis and having a chat and a cup of tea with some Year 13's. It has been lovely to meet pupils for the first time and I look forward to getting to know them all over the coming months.

Starting this new academic year, we all have an opportunity to freshen up approaches and begin the next stages of our journeys whether that be as a new student studying courses for the first time, existing students engaging in conversations around their next steps and changes in Post-16, or for us as a college to reconsider our offer; the start of this term represents change for us all.

As you will know during recent months, the College has been inspected by Ofsted. We have used the feedback provided by Ofsted and have also listened to pupils and parents' voice around Post-16 provision. To update and provide the very best offer to the pupils of Okehampton and beyond, we have launched a range of new initiatives within Post-16 that I would like to share with you.

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On the 26th September 2023, from 5.00pm till 6.00pm, I would like to invite all pupils (in Years 12/13/14), parents and families in for a one hour information evening. Seats will be limited to 3 per pupil (including themselves). This will be held in the Octagon and will look closely at changes to the following:

- Curriculum and timetable
- Pastoral provision including safeguarding
- Personal development including volunteering
- Bursary applications
- Laptop provision

Members of the Post 16 team will be available following the presentation if you wish to come and say hello or set up meetings to discuss anything further.

Please use the following link to indicate your attendance. I will also be doing some parent voice work during the year and will be keen to hear your views as changes are made. I will send out links in upcoming letters to future surveys and invitations to face-to-face sessions as dates are put in place.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Information evening and working with you as the community of Okehampton.

Kindest regards

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