

June 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to John Port Spencer Academy for our Sixth Form Taster Day on Monday 30th June 2025.

On the day students should arrive normally and then make their way to the Sixth Form Block where tutor group lists and form room information will be available. At 8:40am students should go to EC1 for an assembly. Following this they will then go to their allocated form room where they will receive more details of the day, including their timetable. Please note that all allocated form groups, teaching groups and teachers are for the Taster Days only, so groups and teachers will be subject to change for September; we cannot make changes to these groups on the day.

Students should come in smart dress, suitable for an interview (business dress will be required in September but suits are not required for the Taster Days) and bring in a pen, pencil and notebook for the day, students may wish to also bring in a folder. Students will have lessons in their chosen subjects and a chance to ask teachers more about the courses. Transition work will be set by subject teachers and there is an expectation that this work will be completed following these days to prepare students for their Year 12 lessons. Further details will be available shortly on the website. We will also be setting some challenges for our prospective students to complete over the summer holidays.

We hope that students will find the day useful and that the sessions will help them decide not only if John Port Spencer Sixth Form is the right place for them, but also if the subjects that they have chosen are the right ones. The day will give students an insight into the expectations and commitment required for A Level study; the transition from GCSEs to A Levels is a huge step up and can come as a shock to students in Year 12. Students will also be able to discover some of the other opportunities available.

We recognise that students may wish to change subjects following these days so please contact the Sixth Form Team if this is the case. Students may come and see us or email sixthform@johnportspencer.org.uk.

The Lakeside café in the Sixth Form Block will be open for food and snacks but students can also bring in their own lunch. The café runs a cashless system so please ensure that students bring in their ID card; students are required to wear their Y11 lanyard throughout the day for safeguarding. Students must remain on the school site during the day.

If your child is interested in pursuing a career in medicine / nursing, we have a representative from the Royal Derby Hospital coming in to deliver a presentation on their meal-time volunteer programme. This is a year-long volunteering commitment that we run every year with the hospital, but this opportunity is only available to **five** students. If your child is interested in this opportunity, please email sixthform@johnportspencer.org.uk by Monday 23rd June.



We look forward to welcoming the students on Monday 30th June 2025. Please direct any questions that you may have to the Sixth Form Team at sixthform@johnportspencer.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please complete the Microsoft form below to confirm attendance for the day. We recognise that some students may not be able to attend – this does not impact their conditional offer for a place at our Sixth Form.

[Taster Day John Port Spencer Academy Internal Students](#)

We are excited to welcome our new Year 12s, and we are looking forward to confirming offers for students once they have received their GCSE results in August.

Kind regards

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