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FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD (ACADEMIC)
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Dear Parent

IB Choices and Sixth Form Entry

I am writing following the Sixth Form Information Evening, with the choice form for IB diploma subjects. Students should indicate their preferences clearly after consultation with you and following advice from their teachers, returning it no later than 23 January.

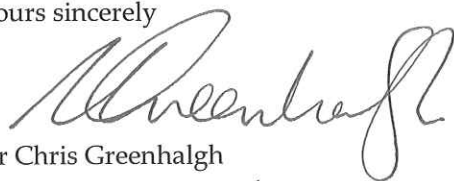
Having taught and administered the IB diploma for over 30 years, we affirm the diploma's educational breadth and imagination as well as its depth and rigour. In our experience it proves an outstanding foundation for, as well as a passport to, the leading universities. With classes of around 10-12, teaching and learning in the Sixth Form is dynamic and intellectually exciting.

We want every student at Sevenoaks to be confident of success in the diploma. As a rule of thumb, a minimum average of 9 B grades at (I)GCSE should be sufficient to ensure a good diploma score. The vast majority of our pupils achieve well above this, of course. Experience shows that students are best equipped to start the IB with an A or A* grade in any related Higher Level subject. Following the mock exams we monitor the progress of students carefully, and in the vast majority of cases there will be no cause for concern. In practice, almost all of our students perform extremely well. For the last two years, no one has gained less than 30 points in the diploma (higher than the world average) and a good number each year secure the maximum score of 45.

A tremendous range of opportunities is on offer in the Sixth Form. The IB experience at Sevenoaks is very special. Our home-grown cohort is joined by a large intake of students from all over the world. Together they comprise a highly motivated, happy and talented student body, which takes pride of place in a premier league of elite schools in the UK and internationally. With your help and our guidance, we hope that your child will make the most of the opportunities available and take the first steps towards success both at university and in the increasingly global world of work.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to discuss them in the first instance with your child's tutor or Divisional Head.

Yours sincerely



Dr Chris Greenhalgh
Academic Deputy Head