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Dear Parents/Carers,

**LaSWAP Open Evening, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

I am writing to remind you about the LaSWAP Open Evening on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November starting at 5.30pm and closing at 8.00pm at Acland Burghley School. Your son should already have his invitation to the event. Entry is by invitation only, so please make sure you keep it safe and bring it with you on the evening.

Students must be accompanied by a parent/carer or responsible adult in order to attend the evening. If this is a problem, please speak to Ms Mercier Peart, Mr Scott or Ms Wilson.

William Ellis sixth form is part of LaSWAP, a consortium 6<sup>th</sup> form comprising of the 4 local schools: Parliament Hill, La Sainte Union, William Ellis and Acland Burghley. Our consortium is a unique arrangement which means that we are able to offer close to 40 A levels, and a very wide range of BTEC courses. In addition, we are able to benefit from the facilities and opportunities offered by all four schools. LaSWAP has a strong record of students gaining prestigious university offers. Last year the LaSWAP alumni went onto excellent higher education establishments including Oxbridge, Russell Group universities and Art foundation courses to study a range of subjects from English to physics; Japanese Studies to Optometry.

Open Evening is the opportunity for you and your son to find out about the LaSWAP consortium, the courses that are on offer as well as an opportunity to speak to subject teachers and hear from students about enrichment opportunities. There will also be three opportunities to hear the *welcome talk* from the LaSWAP Directors and Head teachers. These being at 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

**Application form, next step guidance and transition into 6<sup>th</sup> form:**

After open evening, your son will be provided with an application form, which will need to be handed to the 6<sup>th</sup> form admin desk in the library by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019. This form will need to identify the courses that your son wants to study in 6<sup>th</sup> form. This is the starting point for a conversation about post-16 study and does not have to represent his final choices. There will be opportunities to refine these decisions right up until enrolment in August after GCSE results are released.

In the Spring term, Year 11 students will receive an invitation for a personal discussion about their planned courses with a member of staff who is knowledgeable about the 6<sup>th</sup> form. This will help each student identify the most appropriate LaSWAP pathway and to plan their personalised study programme. This will be followed up with a number of opportunities to visit William Ellis 6<sup>th</sup> form lessons, experience some taster lessons, and meet current 6<sup>th</sup> form students to hear about their experiences.

Further details about pathways, courses and entry criteria and the LaSWAP Admissions Policy can be found on the LaSWAP website: [www.LaSWAP.camden.sch.uk](http://www.LaSWAP.camden.sch.uk)

I hope you will find the evening a stimulating and exciting event.

Yours sincerely,

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