



Sixth Form Newsletter 21/04/2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday.

Year 13 Exams



The year 13 exams have now official started, the graphics students have completed their exam this week and next week we have our Art exam. In addition, we have been getting students sign for their exam entries and have started work on the seating arrangements for our students. Students should be receiving their personalised exam timetables in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions about the exams, please contact your child's tutor, and we will be happy to help you.

As stated in previous communications, student wellbeing is key and if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing in the run up to these exams, please contact us.

Year 13 – working during exams

Whilst we will support whatever decision our year 13 students make regarding part time jobs during the exam period, our recommendation would be that they reduce their hours during the exam window. Recent research from the University of Warwick has suggested that students should only work for up to 12 hours a week whilst studying. Our suggestion would be that our students follow this guidance during the exam period. If any students need support talking to employers about this, please get in touch and we will be happy to help.



Year 12 progression evening – Wednesday 19th April



Our year 12 progression evening on Wednesday 19th April was incredibly well attended, and we hope you found it useful. A copy of the power point and handout was shared early today. If you have any questions about progression, please contact your child's tutor and we will be happy to help you.

Year 12 UCAS Careers Fair

On Friday 21st April, we took all our year 12 students to the UCAS careers fair in Farnborough. There was a wide range of universities for students to speak to at this event, as well as a couple of employers and an apprenticeship adviser. Speaking to the students on the day, most of them seemed to have a positive experience and obtained some useful information from the event. Hopefully, this will have been an excellent start to their research process.





Student Stars

Each week we celebrate two students who have gone above and beyond with their contributions to Sixth Form. They are invited to attend 'hot chocolate' with Mr McSweeney on a Wednesday morning and entered a prize draw at the end of each term. This week's Student Stars were Lauren Brandon in year 13 and Sam Pickup in year 12.

Wellbeing

This week, we have completed our wellbeing survey for term 3 with our sixth form students. We will analyse the results and Mr Whitehouse will publish the findings to you next week.

If you feel your child would benefit from a meeting with the life coach, or from a wider life coach course, please contact their tutor and we will look to put the support in place as soon as possible.



Yearbook

The yearbook payments for year 13 are still live. Payments can be made through ScoPay system, and the book will cost £21. If you have any questions about the yearbook, please contact me.

Parent voice



In addition to gathering pupil voice, we believe it is vital to get the input of parents so that we can continue to strive to improve the sixth form experience for all our learners. Mr Whitehouse sent home a parent survey on Friday, please take the time to complete the survey linked below and provide us with feedback around how we can continue to improve the sixth form experience for all our students.

<https://tinyurl.com/TESFParentVoiceTerm2>

Additional Studies

Now that we are into the exam window, we will be removing additional studies from our year 13 student timetables. Through the additional studies lessons, the students will have developed a wide range of skills and broadened their knowledge of a range of areas from finance and career preparation through to British Values and, most recently, awareness of different faith systems around the UK. The feedback from teachers has been very positive and we hope the students have found these sessions useful.

Regards

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