



Sixth Form Newsletter 27/01/23

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all well.

Firstly, I would like to extend an invitation to all parents regarding the newsletters. The information we provide is information we feel you need to know but if there is anything specific you would like to see, for example us showcasing good work, then please contact me (email address is at the bottom) and I will try to include this in the future.

Secondly, you will find the key items for this week below:

UCAS



UCAS has now officially closed for this academic year. The deadline was Wednesday 25th January at 6pm. At the point of reaching this deadline, we had 83% of our year 13 learners who have applied to university. This is a number that we have not seen in our Sixth Form for 10 years. The next steps for these students will be to confirm their 'firm' and 'insurance' choices, apply for accommodation, and apply for finance.

We will be taking the UCAS applicants through the areas above over the next few weeks but one key bit of advice we wanted to share with you is that, unless they have a particular university in mind, that the learners wait until after the next round of PPEs to select their firm and insurance choices. This will enable everyone to have a more concrete idea of how the learners are likely to perform in the summer.

Non-UCAS progression

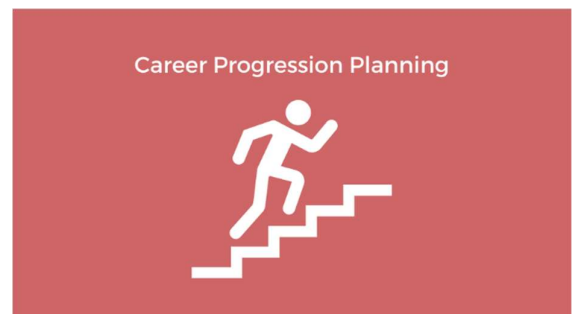
As a result of the large quantity of UCAS applications, we only have 11 students in year 13 who are exploring non-UCAS pathways. Our careers adviser will be contacting those parents over the next two weeks to detail the progression support those students will be offered. As a brief overview, each student will be offered a meeting with our progression tutor, Mr Marshall, and will be offered a careers appointment. This will be in addition to apprenticeship sessions and wider work preparation sessions we will be offering those students.

Year 12 progression

We have started our earlier work with year 12 around their potential progression pathways. At this moment we are in the very early stages but we want to make you aware of a key early progression event we have. One March 8th, we have our year 12 progression evening for parents. This event is designed to provide parents with the information you will need about the progression pathways. More details will be shared before half term.

Year 12 parents evening

We have requested to move this event from March 16th to March 30th. Invites will be sent out after half term. In the meantime, if you have any questions about how your child is performing within their subjects, please do contact the subject teacher.





Exam dates

As a reminder, we have two exam periods coming up in this term. All the information will be shared with the students and yourselves.

Year 12 exams start on 6th February.

Year 13 exams start on 6th March.

Well-being strategy

The well-being strategy has now been shared with parents by Mr Whitehouse. In school, our tutors **are** working on the actions to continue to improve the wellbeing of our learners. As a reminder, if you have any concerns please get in contact with your child's tutor or myself. There is also the 'here4you' email that students can use if they are concerned.

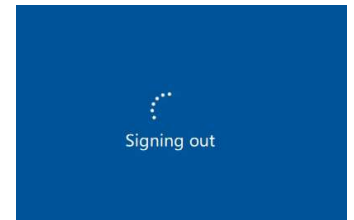


Signing out procedures

We have had a number of students not following the signing out procedures and therefore going missing. This is a safeguarding concern and hugely draining on the school resources. The correct procedure is:

1 – If going home, they must sign out at student reception, this will enable the school to code the student currently on the registers

2 – Popping off site, they must use the folders in the foyer of the Sixth Form block to sign in and out



Badges

Badges are a safeguarding issue. They must be worn at all times around the school site as they are our method for identifying the students. If students have lost their badge, they should purchase a new one from finance. We will be conducting a badge check next week.

Sponsored walk

We are currently planning to sponsored walk. The current plan is to take 20 year 12 students to Dinton Pastures to complete the walk on the 10th March. Details of the charity, how students can sign up and how donations will be taken will be shared next week.



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