



## **Sixth Form Newsletter 03/02/2023**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all well.

We are now approaching the end of this half term, and I wanted to pass on my congratulations to all the students for their hard work and to all parents for your support.

### **Apprenticeship week**



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National Apprenticeship Week  
6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Next week is National Apprenticeship week. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of apprenticeships.

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2023 is 'Skills for Life'. The week will reflect on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career and help businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with skills for the future.

Information about this week can be found here: <https://naw.appawards.co.uk/>

We will be addressing this week in form time and assemblies and will be working with our 11 students in year 13 who have not applied for UCAS to make sure they are aware of the routes available.

### **Sponsored walk**

The plans for the sponsored walk are now coming together. The current plan is to take 25 students to either Virginia Water or Dinton Pastures to complete the walk on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. The charity, as selected by our leadership team, is the Wokingham Foodbank. As soon as we have final approval for this trip, we will share details of how to sign and sponsor the students.



Details of the Wokingham Foodbank can be found here: <https://wokingham.foodbank.org.uk/>

### **Year 12 parents evening**

The request to move year 12 parents evening has been accepted. The event will now take place on March 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> February (next week).

Year 13 exams start on 6<sup>th</sup> March.



## **Well-being**

We are very aware that we have two exam periods coming up this term. We are also aware that we are now only eleven school weeks away from the 'real' exam season for year 13. If you have any concerns about your child's well-being during this period, please contact their tutor and we will endeavour to help and support them in the best way we can.

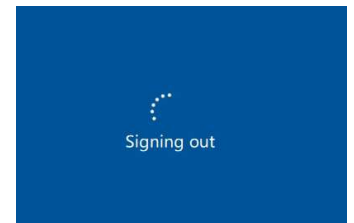


## **Signing out procedures**

Unfortunately, we continue to have 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.

Please reinforce with your child the need to sign out correctly because if we cannot guarantee their safety, then we cannot have them onsite.



## **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.

## **Wokingham Half Marathon**

We are looking for a small team of volunteers to manage the school car park for at the Wokingham half marathon on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February. They ~~would~~ will need to be at the school car park between 8.00am and 9:30am and this will count as community service for the year 12 students.

## **Yearbook**

We are currently in the process of building the yearbook. We will share more details of how this can be purchased shortly but if you could encourage your child to speak to their form rep to submit photos, quotes and memories, we would be very grateful.

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