

Dear parent/carer

As we draw close to the end of the academic year, I wanted to express my admiration for our Year 12 students regarding their continued resilience and dedication to studies during the past year. They are a credit to our sixth form and I hope have made the most of the opportunities on offer including: University visits, Mock Trial, Model UN, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, academic reviews, chess competitions, sporting tournaments, Maths Olympiad, Medics workshops, Debate society, Cookery sessions, Zumba, Headhunters and much more.

Year 13 poses further academic challenges and application deadlines for university and degree level apprenticeships. I urge all students to allocate time over the summer break researching and working towards gaining experiences and knowledge to inform and support their applications and destination decisions. Some useful resources include:

- <https://www.ucas.com/>
- <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/>
- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

The first day of teaching and learning for year 13 will be Tuesday 5th September- please arrive for 8:30 am. Timetables, rooming, study skills support, apprenticeship and university application support and start of full lessons will be included on this day. University and apprenticeship application support will continue during allocated times including bespoke one to one and small group sessions.

Curriculum expectations and requirements increase markedly in year 13. The sixth form pastoral team will be available to offer support and guidance including time management, exam technique, well-being advice, academic excellence, careers and effective study skills advice and information.

All subjects have compiled supportive bridging work to be completed over August to ensure continued progress and maintain learning pace. It is vital that some continued study takes place during the summer in order to achieve the aspirational goals our students have set for themselves.

I look forward to welcoming our new year 13 back for the next academic year; rested, recharged and with a renewed vigour for the challenges and excitement ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the sixth form team for information advice and guidance.

Yours sincerely,



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