



Monday, 05 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

As we approach the end of year 12, we wanted to provide you with an update around some key areas related to Sixth Form.

End of year 12 exams

We have now completed the end of year 12 exams for all students. Firstly, I would like to convey how impressed we were with the vast majority of our learners. They were well prepared for the exams, on time to all sessions, and put in a considerable amount of effort to give themselves the best chance of success.

Subject areas have started to release those results to students and will be putting in place individual action plans to provide the learners with the best chance in year 13.

The results from these exams will also help to inform our predicted grades for the various progression routes. These discussions will be happening with the students over the coming weeks. Students who would like the opportunity to boost their UCAS predicted grade, and demonstrate to the department areas a willingness and desire to boost their UCAS grade, will be offered the opportunity to do so in September.

As with all exam seasons, there will be some students who have not passed their qualifications. For any student who has received two U grades or more, we will be inviting parents to a meeting with myself and Mr Whitehouse. These meetings will start towards the end of next week.

Badges

Badges are a non-negotiable part of the Sixth Form dress code. As you will be aware, we have had a clamp down on badges over the past two weeks and I wanted to pass on my thanks for your support with this. At time of writing, we have had 100% compliance with the badges.

Form time

Since school returned in March, we took the decision to maximise the amount of time our learners have in school but reintroducing form time as compulsory in Sixth Form. Over the past two weeks, we have introduced various new systems to improve form time attendance and, once again, I would like to pass on my thanks for your support with this. Form time attendance has increased consistently over the past two weeks. We will continue to monitor attendance and call home if students are absent from form during the last two weeks of term. Form time will continue to compulsory throughout year 13.

Appropriate use of school IT

Unfortunately, there have been a couple of incidents recently which have highlighted that a minority of our students are not using the school IT systems appropriately. These incidents have been dealt with and sanctions applied where needed. In addition, the whole year



group will be attending an assembly next Friday around the appropriate use of school IT systems. As I am sure you are aware, the Emmbrook School Sixth Form is an inclusive Sixth Form where everyone should feel comfortable. Moving forward, if students are found to be using our IT systems inappropriately, we will be removing that specific student's IT privileges for a period of time proportionate to the incident. I thank you for your support around this matter.

End of term

We have two weeks and two day until the end of year 12. During these two weeks, we will be working with learners to set them up for the transition into year 13 and to make sure that they are working on their post 18 progression pathways. We will be sharing more information on the transition to year 13 with yourselves over the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or myself.

Regards

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