



Sixth Form Newsletter 05/05/2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all well.

Year 13 Exams

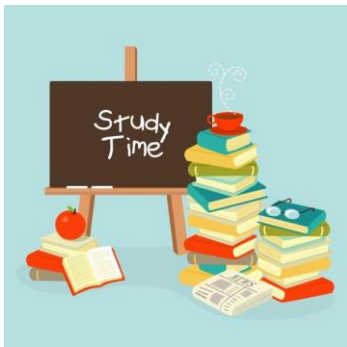
The year 13 exams have now officially started. The first two exams have now taken place with our graphics and fine art students having completed their exams over the past two weeks. All students should have now received a copy of their exam timetable, if they have not they should come and see me and we can get another one for them.



The start of the main A level exam season is Wednesday 17th May. We are aware that this can be a stressful time for our students. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's tutor and we will be able to offer support.

Exam leave

As the final part of our COVID recovery plan, the decision has been taken to maximise the amount of time our year 13 students have in school before the exam season. Therefore, the last day of lesson for year 13 will be Friday 26th May with exam leave official starting on Monday 5th June. We are aware that some students will start exams before this date and therefore if a student has an afternoon exam before the 26th May, they will not be expected in school in the morning and can work from home. If they have a morning exam, they will still be expected in the day before.



Life Coach

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please contact your child's tutor so that we can support them. If you would like your child to speak to the life coach, please contact me directly and I will add their name to the life coach list. There is a waiting list but we can add students to this list.



Year 12 progression - Oxbridge

Last week, all our year 12 students completed a progression survey to enable us to capture a more detailed understanding of their progression plans. Several of the students indicated that they would be interested in applying for Oxford or Cambridge. These names have been passed onto our HA lead, Mr Parry, who will be in touch shortly to inform you and our students of the next steps around Oxbridge applications. If you have any questions before this, please do contact Mr



Parry.



Year 12 Open Days

University open days for 2024 entry have already started. It is up to students to book themselves onto these days and inform the school. We allow students 5 days off timetable to attend open days. If a student needs to be signed out for an open day, they must contact myself and I will make the decision around approving the open day. The best place for students, and yourselves, to find out about the open days that are running is to use the following website <https://www.opendays.com/>

opendays.com
university and college open days

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 into a prize draw at the end of each term. This week's Student Stars were Hannah Kiepinska in year 12 and Lauren Brandon in year 13.

Yearbook

A few more students have requested to purchase a yearbook; therefore, we have decided to keep payments open until Wednesday 10th May. At this point we will need to close the payments so that we can order the yearbook.

Leaver's day

As a reminder, the year 13 leaver's day will take place on Monday 26th June. More details will be shared nearer the time.

Student leadership

Applications for the new student leadership team have now opened. We are looking to appoint two Head Students, supported by a team of Deputy Head Students and an Editor of the Wave newspaper. Students have been sent the application forms and the deadline is Thursday 11th May. I would encourage you to talk to your child to see if they are interested in applying. If you have any questions, please do contact me.



Regards

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