



Sixth Form Newsletter 09/01/24

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the halfway point for the term, time for a well-earned break for all our students. This half term has been hectic but very rewarding, with Sixth Form at the forefront of some great community events.

Fundraising Week

We have come to the end of our fundraising week for this year. The week has been a fantastic achievement by the Sixth Form, who have put together a series of entertaining events for the school with the aim of raising money for two wonderful charities, Beat and Me2Club. At the time of writing this newsletter, we have raised £1120 pounds, which will be split equally between the charities. Cracking effort by all involved and thank you to all those who contributed to making this week so successful.



London Marathon 2024



Continuing the fundraising theme, our very own Mr Whitehouse, the SLT link for Sixth Form, is running the London Marathon this year and will be raising money for Beat, one of the charities we regularly raise money for. Beat is the eating disorder charity for the UK and is one which the Sixth Form has been linked to for the past couple of years. The work Beat undertake is vital to so many and we are pleased to continue developing our link with this charity. If you would like to sponsor Mr Whitehouse, you can do so through the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/peter-whitehouse-1692196626338>

I know Mr Whitehouse will be incredibly grateful for any sponsorship he receives.

Sponsored Walk

As a quick reminder, we have our next fundraising event on the 15th March. This is our sponsored walk in which a small group of year 12s, up to 24 in total, will head over to Dinton Pastures to complete a 10km walk to raise money for Beat. If your child is interested in being involved, we would ask that they return the EV2 form by 1st March.





Rewards



As we referenced with the students, and in the first newsletter of this term, we have challenged ourselves to celebrate the positivity within Sixth Form at a greater level. This week we have had our half term celebration assemblies, and it has been wonderful to see so much positive work occurring this term. We have had over 200 Student Star nominations, all of which have been nominated for going above and beyond the expectations of a student in Sixth Form. In addition, we have been rewarding those who have received the most House Points this half term. The leaders in each year group have received a £25 restaurant voucher, with those in second receiving a £10 amazon voucher, and those in third receiving a coffee and cake voucher from the canteen. Once again, great work being shown across the whole of Sixth Form.

PSHE next half term

Next half term, our PSHE programme will be focusing on two areas:

- Year 12 will be focusing on Post 18 pathways.
- Year 13 will be focusing on exam preparation.

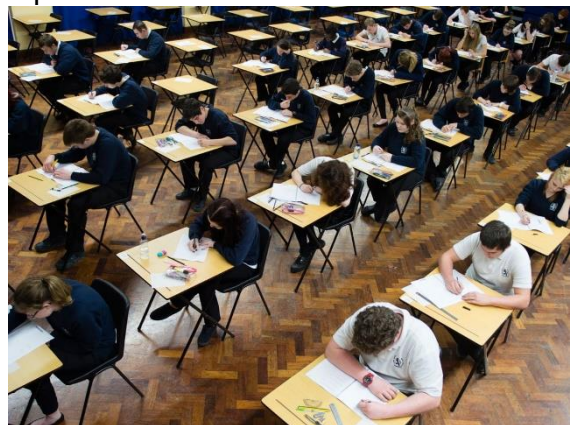
These topic areas are designed to target the needs of each year group, and I hope they find them valuable.

Year 13 exams

Yesterday, you should have received a letter from Mr Whitehouse detailing the final round of PPEs for year 13. These exams will take place from Monday 26th February and will provide our students with the final guidance around areas to improve ahead of the final A level exams. If you have any questions about these PPEs, please do get in touch.

Year 12 intervention

Following on from our mid-year assessments with year 12, we have identified those who are in need of extra support due to underperformance in these examinations. We will be communicating this home and putting in place the extra intervention after half term. This intervention will require students to stay for an extra hour of learning each week, in which they will be provided with specific work aimed at assisting them with improving their grades. We have found this method to have really positive results in the past. Any questions, please do get in touch.





Attendance



As we approach half term, I wanted to pass on my thanks for your continued support with our attendance protocols. Attendance across Sixth Form remains at a very high level and will ultimately improve all of our students' chances of success with their A level studies. We will be rewarding outstanding attendance at the end of term.

Punctuality

As a result of the Sixth Form attendance being in such a positive position, we have decided to have an increased focus on punctuality next half term. We will be tracking students' punctuality to lessons and will be communicating home for any student who is late to two or more lessons. Thank you in advance for the support you will provide us with this strategy.

IT Usage

On a more serious note, we have had a couple of issues around IT usage come to light this week. It has been reported that students have been accessing websites that are inappropriate for a school setting on their phones and then when they come onsite, it is being flagged on our IT systems as the tabs are still active. At the moment, we have provided a general education to all the students about the filters on our systems but will have to intervene on a case-by-case basis if this continues.

Wellbeing

As you can see there is a lot going on in Sixth Form at the moment and therefore, we are at a time where we have to be especially aware of the wellbeing of all the students in our care. To this end, the students have undertaken a wellbeing survey this week and we will be responding to the findings after half term. In the meantime, if you are worried about your child's well-being, please do get in touch so we can support.

Have a lovely half term

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