

## Sixth Form Newsletter 16/05/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a short but busy half term, we wanted to take this opportunity to share some key updates for Year 12.

### Mentoring and the New Form Time System

As you are aware, based on feedback from parents and students, we launched a new form time system for Year 12 this term. This included the introduction of a more rigorous mentoring programme, aimed at providing a personalised approach to supporting our students.

We are pleased to report that the launch has been positive. The vast majority of students have been attending their mentoring slots, and the outcomes from these sessions have been insightful, offering the personalised support we had hoped for. We will be gathering student feedback on the new system to review and make any necessary adjustments.



### Attendance Update

One of the reasons for changing the form time protocol was to place greater focus on lesson attendance. We are pleased to report that attendance across the Sixth Form remains very

high. We want to take a moment to praise this, as attendance is a key factor in Sixth Form success. As a reminder, all timetabled sessions are compulsory. This includes all lessons, additional studies, and Monday form time. In addition, each student's mentoring session (once per half term) is also compulsory.

Further to my communication last week, we are aware of some issues around the attendance figures since the new system. We are working to resolve these issues and should have them resolved this side of the half term.



### End of Year 12 Exams

The Year 12 end-of-year exams are scheduled to begin on Monday 23rd June and will run until Friday 27th June. These exams will give students an indication of their progress throughout Year 12, highlight areas for development ahead of Year 13, and inform their likely predicted grades.

Further details about the exams will be shared by Mr Whitehouse, including arrangements for study leave during that week.



## Work Experience



A reminder that Work Experience Week will take place from Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July. This is a valuable opportunity for students to develop skills ahead of their progression applications.

For students unable to secure suitable placements, a 'Progression Programme' will run in school to support them in preparing for their next steps. Full details will be shared as soon as possible, but students will be expected to attend daily and take part in a range of progression, employability, and wellbeing activities.

## Progression

We are now entering the UCAS application window for Year 12. More information will be shared soon about how to complete the application, what students should be doing to prepare, and key tips for success.

We also want to inform you that our Oxbridge/Early Entry Progression Group will begin after half term. We will be contacting students who have either expressed interest or have suitable GCSE and A-level grades to invite them to these sessions.



## Sixth Form Leadership Opportunities



With Year 13 now in their exams, we will begin the process of appointing and transitioning to our new student leadership team. This will be launched in Monday's assembly, and we will share details of the roles and application process with parents and carers afterwards.

We encourage interested students to discuss these opportunities at home before applying. We look forward to working with the new team over the coming year.

Kind regards,  
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