



Sixth Form Newsletter 08/01/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and you all had a lovely and restful holiday period.

Parent Survey

At the end of each term, we reach out to parents to ask for your feedback about Sixth Form. The survey for last term is still open. We would be very grateful if you could complete the survey below as soon as possible. <https://tinyurl.com/TESFPCS2024>

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survey - December 2024



Exam dates



This term we have exam periods for both our year 12 and year 13 students. Our year 12 students will be undertaking their mid-year assessments. These assessments will provide us with a valuable insight into the progress the year group are making. Our year 13 students will be undertaking their final round of PPEs in preparation for the exam season in the summer. This is the last major opportunity to make tweaks in preparation for the summer.

The exam dates are below:

- Year 12 – two weeks starting February 3rd
- Year 13 – one week starting March 3rd

In addition, the year 12 criminology students are undertaking their controlled assessment on 28th, 29th and 30th January.

If you have any questions or would like any support around the exams, please contact your child's tutor who will be happy to help.

UCAS update

We have 22 UCAS applications to process this term. As a reminder, the deadline is January 29th at 6pm. After this point, universities do not need to give equal consideration to the applications they receive. In addition to the continued work with our year 13 students, Mr Whitehouse and I will be meeting with any year 12 students who are looking at early entry in year 13. This will be happening in early February.



Alternatives to university



This term we will be starting our work with the non-UCAS students. We have national apprenticeship week in February (10th) and many apprenticeship routes will open up from January onwards.

Information will be shared directly with the students

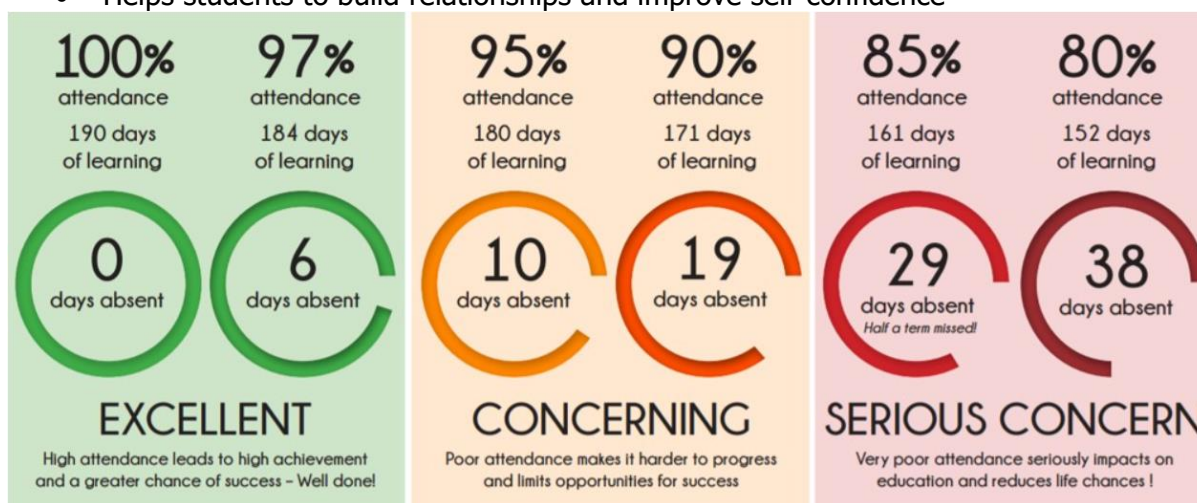
throughout the term.



Importance of attendance

In form time this week, we have been stressing the importance of attendance for success at A levels. Attendance is generally very strong within Sixth Form, but we are aware that the January period is often a challenging one and therefore attendance will remain a key focus of what we do. Strong attendance has been shown to:

- Improve levels of achievement
- Prepare students for transition into wider society
- Helps students to better understand course content
- Helps students to build relationships and improve self-confidence



The expectation is that all students will be in all timetabled sessions.

Safeguarding in Sixth Form

Keeping our students safe is a key priority for our Sixth Form. This week we have reinforced the correct procedures surrounding signing out, what to do in the case of staff absences, and the importance of wearing badges. We will continue to place safeguarding high in our priorities and thank you in advance for your support.



SAFEGUARDING



Sixth Form Newsletter

In a slight change to last term, the Sixth Form newsletter will now happen once every two weeks. We will continue to communicate with you on a regular basis but believe that the move to a two weekly newsletter will allow the communication to be more impactful. The next newsletter will be on Friday 17th January and from then it will be published every two weeks.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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