



Year 12 Newsletter - A Fantastic Start to Sixth Form

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first few weeks together, I wanted to take the opportunity to share some positive news from Year 12.

I have been incredibly impressed by how well our students have settled into Sixth Form life. Attendance has been excellent, students are engaging positively in lessons, and it has been wonderful to see them beginning to take advantage of the many opportunities available beyond the classroom.

Starting Sixth Form can feel like a big step, but our Year 12 students have approached the challenge with maturity, enthusiasm and determination. They should be very proud of the start they have made.

Wearing Sixth Form ID

All Year 12 students have now received their Sixth Form ID card and lanyard.

As a reminder, lanyards must be worn at all times while on site, with the ID card clearly visible. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and helps staff quickly identify members of the Sixth Form community.

We would appreciate your support in encouraging students to make their lanyard part of their daily routine before leaving home each morning.

Attendance Matters

A huge thank you for your support with attendance. We have seen a really positive start across the year group, with students attending lessons regularly and engaging well with their learning.

A reminder that all absences should be reported by parents/carers through Studybugs. Please note that students are unable to authorise or report their own absence. Reporting through Studybugs ensures attendance records remain accurate and allows us to provide the appropriate support where required.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to maintain such high attendance standards.

Parent and Carer Survey

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our Year 12 Settling In Survey.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and is helping us understand where we can provide additional information and support for families.

If you have not yet completed the survey, there is still time to do so:

[2026 - Year 12 parent/carers settling in survey – Fill in form](#)

Two areas in particular have featured in the feedback and are highlighted below.

Giving Back: Community Service and Volunteering

One of the key expectations of Sixth Form life is for students to contribute to their community through volunteering or service.

The aim is not simply to complete hours, but to develop valuable life skills, build confidence and make a positive difference to others.

Through volunteering, students can:

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- Develop confidence and independence
- Build communication, teamwork and leadership skills
- Support their local and school communities
- Strengthen future university, apprenticeship and job applications

We have been delighted by the response so far. Many students have already begun volunteering and are making an excellent start towards completing their hours.

Beyond the Classroom: Wider Reading and Learning

Several parents asked how students can extend their learning independently beyond homework.

From Monday, students will have access to our new Year 12 Wider Reading and Learning Booklet.

This resource contains recommendations from every subject area, including:

- Books
- Podcasts
- Documentaries
- Films
- Journals
- Articles
- Online resources

These activities are not additional homework. Instead, they are designed to encourage curiosity, deepen subject knowledge and help students explore areas that genuinely interest them.

The most successful Sixth Form students are often those who go beyond the specification and develop a genuine passion for their subjects.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

We have been particularly impressed by the interest shown in the Extended Project Qualification this year.

Over 20% of the Year 12 cohort submitted applications, demonstrating the ambition, curiosity and academic commitment of our students.

The application process has now closed and we are currently reviewing submissions.

Successful applicants will be notified shortly and will receive further details about the next stage of the programme.

Looking Ahead

Next week marks Week 4 of the Sixth Form journey.

This is often the point where students begin to feel the reality of A Level study. The excitement of starting something new settles down, workloads increase and students begin adjusting to the higher levels of independence expected of them.

This is completely normal.

Our staff will continue to check in with students daily and provide support as they develop effective study habits and routines. However, you know your child best. If you have any concerns about how they are settling in, their wellbeing, or circumstances outside of school that may be affecting them, please do get in touch.

The transition to Sixth Form is most successful when students, families and school work together, and we greatly value the partnership we have with you.





Finally...

Thank you once again for your support throughout these first few weeks.
The Year 12 cohort has made a fantastic start, and we are excited to see them continue to grow in confidence, independence and success throughout the year ahead.

Best wishes,

Mr Constable

