

## Sixth Form Bulletin

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**TERM DATES:** Please use this [link](#) to see the school term dates.

## GENERAL NOTICES

#### Car parking in the local area

We recently had a small complaint from a resident about some students parking cars in the local area. We would ask that students remain vigilant about where they park and ask that they continue to respect the local residential area.

#### Uniform

All students are expected to comply with the **uniform code** as per the Student Handbook (Girls: Blazers/Smart Shoes/Smart Office Wear, Boys: Suits/Ties/Smart Shoes). Students must be wearing lanyards at all times around the school building. Click [here](#) and scroll to page 9 to see the full Sixth Form Uniform Policy.

We are seeing a large number of very short, tight skirts that are not part of our policy. Students have been asked to please ensure that from next week, skirts are of a suitable length and acceptable for school wear.

Students who do not comply with the uniform policy will be sanctioned according to Sixth Form Policy and a member of the Sixth Form Team will call home.

#### Upcoming Assessments

Both year groups have in class assessments in the next few weeks:

- Y12 30th January 2023 - 3rd February 2023
- Y13 20th February 2023 - 7th March 2023

Students should ensure that any revision work set by teachers is completed and that any gaps/weaknesses that have been identified are prioritised.

## YEAR 12 NOTICES

### **In - class assessments**

Year 12 will be sitting their next round of in class assessment for each subject area from Monday 30th January. Most of these sessions will take place in normal lesson time. Students who have exam access arrangements may be offered to sit these in the study room. For subjects where there is more than one class, they may have one exam time scheduled together, but a detailed timetable outlining these arrangements will be published to students beforehand.

Students will receive guidance from class teachers regarding the content and expectation for these assessments and assembly time will be used to reinforce strategies and guidance.

Alongside overall progress in class, teachers will use these assessments to indicate progress in the next set of reports which will go home on 10th March.

### **Student voice**

There was a good representation from year 12 who attended a meeting with Mr Kunig this week to gather views from students, which we value to see what is going well and where we can make improvements to benefit the whole school community.

### **Year 7 buddies**

We are delighted that so many year 12 students have offered their help to buddy up with year 7 tutorials starting next week. They will introduce themselves on Tuesday and then arrange a time to be available in the year 7 tutorial room to chat or meet up in break times during the week. We are grateful for the time they are giving to ensure that year 7 students continue to settle in well and have a senior student to turn to for advice or support.

### **Early entry university application group**

A huge amount of work is already taking place guiding students who have shown an interest in wanting to apply either to Oxbridge, Veterinary, Dentistry, Medicine, or to Russell Group universities next year. Mr Kelly has been guiding Maths students to engage with either online or in person courses run by universities, to develop their wider skills and understanding and Dr Abbas has organised for students to attend Physics & Astronomy taster events at Queen Mary University. Mrs Cox is holding student meetings and sharing information through dedicated google classroom areas. Ms Connolly met with a group of students on Friday morning to develop their wider reading and presentation skills. They will be researching information in groups and presenting this to the year group later on this term.

If there are any students who have not been participating in any of these initiatives and want to be involved, please speak to the relevant member of staff.

## YEAR 13 NOTICES

### **Trial Exam Grades**

Students will be receiving trial exam grades in lessons over the next few weeks and we hope that they are pleased and can see the wonderful progress they are making. If trial exam results are not what the students expected, please do talk to your child and have a chat through where they think things didn't go so well. Encourage them to continue to use their revision plans to pinpoint the key topics they need to continue to work on.

### **UCAS deadline**

A reminder that the final day for UCAS appointments is **Tuesday 24th January**. Please ensure students have made their appointments using the appointment google form. A thank you to the support of parents in getting these final applications submitted.

### **Coping with unsuccessful applications**

Receiving an unsuccessful application can be heartbreaking for our children, and in particular at a time when stress levels are so high.

Here is a handy guide to helping your child cope with unsuccessful applications and having meaningful conversations with them. [Helping your teen cope with rejection.](#)

### **Accepting and Declining Offers on UCAS**

Students will start seeing offers coming through now on UCAS if they have sent their applications. Students should receive replies about offers by **18 May 2023** and all decisions need to be made by **8 June 2023**.

Students do NOT need to make a firm or insurance choice until the deadline of 8th June meaning they have time to consider their options.

There are three different replies students will make on receiving all offers:

- **Firm acceptance** – this is your first choice.
- **Insurance acceptance** – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.
- **Decline** – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

We will hold an assembly to explain this process on **Thursday 19th January**. Information will also be sent home to parents.

#### **Key dates:**

**Friday 3rd February:** Year 13 reports issued

**Wednesday 25th January 2023:** Final deadline for UCAS applications

**Thursday 29th June 2023:** Year 13 Prom