



19 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to announce that Year 12 has settled well into Sixth Form life and it is fantastic to see them making the most of the opportunities available to them. In this letter I want to share with you some of the Sixth Form successes so far, and what is coming up for our Year 12 students in the next few weeks and months.

### **Charities Week - December 2022**

A massive congratulations to the Senior Team who organised a charities week full of events and activities around the school. It was great to see Year 12 students getting involved and supporting the endeavours, and we are thrilled to share that we raised over £3000 in just one week! Thank you to all those who took part, donated, and supported the Senior Team. We could not do it without you.

### **Enrichment and Tutor Times**

Following on from the work completed in tutor times to support transition onto Level 3 study, we are starting to look ahead this term to the choices and opportunities open to students post-18. We have been considering this week and last week how to be professional and looking at rights and responsibilities in the workplace. We will soon start to prepare for the mock interviews, an event that Year 12 students always find incredibly useful. Students will be supported in tutor times to write a letter of application for a job or higher education course of their choice. These will then be shared with volunteers from the local business community, who come into school to interview students and give them feedback. We expect all students to take part and, to really develop those wider skills. The dates of the interviews are to be confirmed.

Attendance to tutor times is an important part to the school day. Unless students have confirmed it as home study, all students are expected to be present for tutor time so that they can access the full range of information and activities on offer. Additionally, tutors will also be responsible for writing references, including those for UCAS and, therefore building that positive rapport is essential.

### **The 'Essentials'**

From week commencing **Monday 23 January 2023**, there will be folder checks in subject lessons for all Sixth Form students. Subject teachers will confirm dates with their individual classes. You can find the document attached, outlining the essentials students should have for each subject. The purpose is to ensure they have the key information readily to hand for their subjects. Teachers will be able to offer support and guidance for any students who may have questions. We are continuing to encourage students to go beyond the basics, using their non-teaching lessons to consolidate the learning completed in lessons. This could be reviewing notes, creating revision resources, and reading around their subjects. On the 'essentials' document you will also find three images that are hyperlinked to Period 9, Deliberate Learning and Extra Reading Resources on Firefly.

### **Coming up...**

On **Friday 3 February 2023**, we have a guest speaker coming into school from Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge programme (ASK) to talk through apprenticeships with Sixth Form students. This will take place during tutor time (8.45am), and all Year 12 students are expected to attend so that they start to build a rounded picture of the post-18 options open to them.

Year 12 students are also busy applying for work experience placements, and there have been some high-tariff placements secured already. The deadline for forms to be returned to Mrs Devlin is **Monday 6 March 2023**. Work experience week is 3 July to 7 July 2023. Students should have already collected their work experience booklets from their tutors. If they have any questions, they should speak to their tutors during tutor time and can arrange a meeting with Mrs Devlin if required.

Finally, we will soon be recruiting for the new student Senior Team. It is always wonderful to see students putting themselves forward to lead the student body and the direction we take as a Sixth Form community. This year's Team have set a great foundation on which to build, with committees focusing on transition, wellbeing, and the environment, as well as the wider Senior Team and House Captains. We cannot wait to see what our current Year 12 students have to offer. More information to follow in tutor times prior to half term.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Wright'.

Miss R Wright  
Head of Sixth Form