

19 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to advise you that Year 13 students continue to work with admirable focus and determination, having completed their first set of PPEs and now using that feedback to continue to make progress and show just what they are capable of. In this letter I want to share with you some of the Sixth Form success so far, and what is coming up for our Year 13 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 so many Year 13 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. A huge congratulations to the Senior Team who did an outstanding job of organising and running the week.

### **Enrichment and tutor times**

Following on from the work completed in tutor times to support UCAS applications, we are starting to look ahead this term to the different elements of independent living. We have been learning about finances, budgeting and money management last week and this week. We will also be supporting students to prepare for the next set of PPEs, which take place week commencing **Monday 6 March 2023**. If students have any questions about how best to do this, they should speak to their subject teachers as a first point of contact, and their tutors.

### **The 'Essentials'**

From the week commencing Monday 23 January, 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 all things apprenticeships with Sixth Form students. This will take place during tutor time (8.45am), and all Year 13 students are invited to attend, especially if they are considering an apprenticeship next year.

Ahead of the PPEs starting on the **Monday 6 March 2023** and following last week's parents' evening, students should now be revising and preparing for these assessments. We encourage students to view their school timetable as a full-time job, using their non-teaching lessons to recap notes, make revision resources and undertake further reading. If they are unsure what to do in a subject, they should contact their subject teachers.

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', written in a cursive style.

**Miss R Wright**  
**Head of Sixth Form**