



Year 12

Term 4 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Happy Easter to you all as we reach the end of a short but busy term. Students have continued to explore future pathways available to them after sixth form, alongside starting to look at how they may enhance their future applications through engaging in wider academic exploration of subjects they may wish to study further in the future. Every Monday, we have a silent reading focus in tutor time and subjects have provided recommendations for reading to enable students to explore subjects beyond the academic curriculum. This wider reading is particularly useful when applying for courses at university, demonstrating the wider academic engagement in a subject that universities will be looking for in their applicants.

Next term, we will continue to explore future pathways and students will start to look at the university application process alongside the process for applying for apprenticeships.

Students have all been encouraged to explore potential work experience placements that will be useful in order to help make these future decisions as well as enhance any applications made. We appreciate that it is a daunting prospect finding work experience and encourage students to persevere and be resilient as they may need to communicate with a large number of organisations before they successfully secure a placement. We welcomed Dale Willis from My Great First Job to speak to the students about how to approach the difficult task of securing work experience.

I would like to remind you all of the importance of regular time spent in independent study in order to ensure success in courses studied. We recommend students spend on average 4 hours per week, per subject studied, outside of lessons to consolidate knowledge and practice retrieval of knowledge and exam techniques. Students have an average of 20 hours per fortnight in school where they are not in timetabled lessons and this time should enable them to engage in extensive independent study and reduce the amount of time needed to do at home.

Wishing you all a relaxing Easter break.

Yours faithfully,

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Upcoming Events

Parent Talk about Futures:
20 May 2024

(A letter will be sent early next term)

UCAS convention:
17 June 2024

Work Experience Week:
24 June 2024

Proposed Alton Towers Trip:
17 July 2024

Student Reminders

Please keep an eye on the Year 12 Teams page for opportunities for students and information about upcoming events.

Please check you have signed up for the UCAS convention trip. There will be representatives from most universities and apprenticeship providers, as well as talks to help you with your next steps.