



## Year 13 Term 4 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start by wishing a Happy Easter all our Year 13 students and their families. It has been an intense term for students as they are reaching the end of their academic and vocational courses and as a school, we are pleased to see how well students have risen to the challenge of preparing for their external examinations.

As I am sure you are aware, students have finished their latest round of Pre-Public Examinations internally and will have received feedback from all their teachers. These results have been shared using our Edulink platform alongside their latest academic report. Students will be expected to attend their lessons until the end of next term, 24 May 2024. Teachers will be planning structured revision and providing examination advice to support students as soon as the teaching for their courses is complete and therefore, it is important students continue to attend. After May half term, students will only need to attend school for their examinations but teachers may continue to offer revision sessions so we would advise students to check their emails and Teams messages so they do not miss out. I must stress the importance of students conducting thorough revision to ensure they achieve the grades they need to access their chosen next step, whether that is a university course, an apprenticeship or employment. The Sixth Form study centre will be available for all Year 13 students during the study period and we would encourage students to use our facilities to support their preparation for these exams as and when they feel necessary.

As the examination period becomes close, students may feel overwhelmed and stressed and I would like to remind them to keep talking to the school so we can help them if they feel like this. Their form tutor is available daily at 8:45-9:05am for face to face pastoral support and I can be contacted when needed. Healthy sleep and diet may help students with their energy levels during a busy time and we would advise students to remember to schedule time for breaks and resting as well as working in order to help them maintain their focus. Research from cognitive psychology also advises that short but regular bursts of revision are more effective than long cramming sessions and using active techniques such as self-testing or past examination style questions is also an effective technique.

Once again, have a Happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday period.

Kind regards,

Alessandra Cambio  
Performance Leader of Year 13

## Upcoming Events

### Last Day of Year 13 - 24 May

- P1-3 in lessons
- P4 11.50-12.50 home to change into fancy dress
- 12.50-13.50 - Leavers Assembly
- 13.50-15.20 - celebration afternoon

### Year 13 Prom - 28 June

## Student Reminders

Please check your Edulink carefully for dates and times of examinations and ensure you arrive at least 15 minutes before they start.

Please make sure you have your lanyard when attending all external examinations as this will be needed as a form of identification. If you have lost this, please come to the sixth form office so we can help you access a new lanyard.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please be reminded that iPods, mobile phones, MP3/4 players or similar devices and watches are not permitted in external examinations as per the JCQ guidelines and having these items can mean disqualification from the examination.