



Sixth Form End of Year Message – Summer 2020

We would like to thank our students for the mature and positive way they have dealt with the long and unprecedented period of school closure.

Year 13 Progression

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of our students are celebrating success with offers from esteemed universities and establishments around the world. One student has received an unconditional offer to study at the University of North Carolina, USA.

- Amy Rees has received an offer to study Law at Churchill College, Cambridge University.
- Olivia Searle has the offer of a place to study History at St John's College, Cambridge.
- Oliver Bean has received an offer to study Engineering at Wadham College, University of Oxford.

In addition, Hannah Shimwell has received a full scholarship to study Clarinet at the Royal College of Music, whilst Harriet Kempster is to study the Oboe at the Royal Northern College of Music. Andrew Charles and Eddie Cluderay, have been offered place at prestigious Drama establishments including East 15 Acting School and Leeds College of Music on Acting courses.

241 students applied to university which is 83% of the year group. Currently 57% of the applicants have accepted offers from Russell Group Universities to study a range of courses from Anthropology to Theoretical Physics. In addition, students have been offered places on a range of courses such as medicine, nursing, physiotherapy and allied healthcare professions as well as music, drama and the performing arts. We would like to recognise the success of all our students on whatever their chosen pathway and wish them all the very best for their future. We are incredibly proud of our students and their achievements. This is testament to the hard work and determination of students, their families and teachers over many years.

New Year 12

We were disappointed we were unable to welcome our new Year 12 students to our planned induction days on 25 and 26 June, instead we were able to launch a ['virtual induction'](#) on 6 July. This contained welcome videos from Mr Renton, Mr Twitchin, some current Year 13 students and the Sixth Form Tutor team. The website was visited over 650 times on this day.

The link to the second set of Sixth Form 'Bridging Materials' was shared to maintain student engagement throughout the Summer break. We very much look forward to welcoming our new Year 12 students to the Sixth Form in September along with four students who are joining us from Switzerland, for an exchange year.

Next year

For the next academic year, Mrs Nicholls will take Mrs Metcalfe's form, Mr Shellard will take Mr Preston's form and Mr Bellamy will take Mrs Maguire's form. We would like to thank Mrs Metcalfe, Mr Preston and Mrs Maguire for the contribution that they have made as Sixth Form Tutors. From September Miss Jennings will join us as a Sixth Form Tutor from Wetherby High School, we look forward to welcoming Miss Jennings to the team.

It is important that our students have a well-earned break over the summer in order to re-charge in anticipation of returning to school in September. There are many opportunities for students to continue their personal and academic development over this period and we encourage Year 12 students to use their time productively by completing a draft of their personal statement and engaging in a MOOC available via Unifrog. Recent research on reading age post 16 indicates the importance of carrying out wider reading around the subject and this is something that should be encouraged over the summer – click here for some recommended reads:

<https://www.harrogategrammar.co.uk/content/uploads/2020/03/LRC-recommends-Summer-Reads-7.7.20.pdf>

We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

Mr Twitchin