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End of term information

Dear Parent / Carer and Student

The Sixth Form Team and subject teachers have been really impressed with the positive approach that Year 12 students have taken towards their end of year exams. As we approach the final week of term, we would like to share the final details about the work experience week, and about priorities for the summer.

Work Experience Week: w/c Monday 13 July

Students with planned work experience placements have completed the required administrative processes, and school is completing the final health and safety checks to ensure that these placements can go ahead.

Those undertaking virtual work experience opportunities will be allowed to complete these from home to ensure they have a quiet environment to focus on their individual tasks. Students are welcome to come in to school to complete these tasks if they would prefer.

Contact will be made with all students and employers during the week, and all students will be expected to complete the Work Experience Logbook in the Year 12 study folder on Showbie to reflect on their experience.

Post-18 progression

Students engaged really well with the Progression Day activities, hearing from universities, the Army, recent HGS alumni, and participating in an apprenticeship problem-solving task hosted by Mott MacDonald Bentley. Following input from form tutors, students have also uploaded a first draft of a personal statement or completed the structured workplace preparation tasks.

Over the summer, students should invest time in the following:

- Research: Seeking information about different university courses and apprenticeship opportunities is essential. The [post-18 research document](#) has information to support this process.
- Self-reflection: Take some time to think about the skills gained through different experiences both within school and outside, and consider how these are relevant for future university courses and apprenticeship applications
- Exploration: Deep engagement with the desired subject for future study or job sector is essential when preparing to make applications. Reading widely, listening to podcasts, watching documentaries, undertaking [MOOCs](#), and engaging with virtual work experiences are hugely beneficial and are a great investment of time over the summer.

The Sixth Form Team supports each stage of university, apprenticeship and employment applications through step-by-step guidance, writing academic references, and providing predicted grades which will be submitted with applications. Our Careers Advisers have met with a large number of Year 12 students to offer guidance and will continue to do so at the start of Year 13. Form tutors will continue to work with students to formulate plans and support this important decision-making process. Further information and useful links for students and parents can be found on Showbie, [Unifrog](#), and the [progression and careers](#) section of the school website.

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Summer work

Each subject area will set summer work to complete in preparation for the start of Year 13. This is intended to provide a clear focus for students as they start the second phase of their courses. Work will be set on Showbie and through Arbor, and students are expected to complete the work in advance of their first lesson in September.

Year 13 privileges

Next week we will confirm whether levels of attendance and punctuality in Year 12 have earned students some additional privileges at the start of Year 13. Those granted the privilege will not be required to register in the morning and can arrive in school in time for their first lesson of the day.

Dress code

There are some minor alterations to the [Sixth Form dress code](#) for the next academic year to maintain smart professional standards in line with the modern workplace, and to ensure clarity and equality for all students regardless of gender. Most notably, all students are expected to wear a smart shirt or blouse with smart trousers or a skirt, but there is not requirement for students to wear a jacket / blazer, and boys are not expected to wear a tie.

Exam results

Students who sat external examinations this summer will receive their results on **Thursday 13 August**. Results can be collected from the Forum from 10am on that day. Grades for students who have completed an EPQ this year will be published in January.

Results for GCSE English or Maths will be available to collect on Thursday 20 August from 9am.

Important dates for the start of new academic year

Thursday 10 September	Year 13 students will return on Thursday 10 September at 8.50am
Wednesday 16 September	Year 13 Information Evening for parents – The Forum
Tuesday 10 November	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening – virtual
Tuesday 23 February	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening – in school

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 12 students for the way they have approached the first year of their Sixth Form studies with focus and maturity. We are looking forward to welcoming them back in September as Year 13 students and are excited about what they can go on to achieve.

Yours sincerely



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