



Friday 30th April

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Y12 Key summer dates and information

What Next? Parent information

We would like to inform you about our **What Next?** information event which will go live on 5th May. This information introduces parents/carers of Year 12 students to the important steps ahead in Year 13, including the vital university (UCAS) and apprenticeship application processes. We appreciate that parental involvement in these processes is important in supporting our students in their next steps. If after viewing this information, you have any further questions, please enter them here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YR12WhatNextApril21>. The relevant member of the sixth form team will then be in contact to discuss these with you. The students will also be taking part in a Future Pathways event in school on Monday 24th May, where the application process will be launched formally with them.

End of year mock examinations.

As you are aware all students are completing a 2-year study programme making the mock examination period vitally important. Over a two-week period, every student will undertake exams across all of their subjects, enabling teachers to truly grasp the progress being made. It is important that students prepare well because these mock examinations will be used for future target setting and will be the main body of graded work used for predicted grades on university and apprenticeship applications. These will run from 14th – 25th June and students should be actively preparing themselves for these now. The content of the assessments will reflect the disruption to learning that has happened this year, to ensure no students will be disadvantaged due to Covid.

Work Placement update – Monday 12th July – Friday 16th July

During this week students will be undertaking a week of work experience that they source themselves. These can be 'in person', or remote placements that many companies are offering. Once each student has organised their placement, they should see Mrs Hannah Thompson for the paperwork they are required to submit, which is an essential part of the process. If you know that your child is finding it difficult to source a placement, and you are not able to help, please contact us so we can ensure they have the support to secure these placements. Students unable to secure a work placement will be required to attend school and support with alternative curriculum week. We are always happy to hear from employers who would be able to offer opportunities to our students, and if you are aware of any please do let us know.

Summer school, and taster and open days

We have been impressed with how many students have applied for Summer School opportunities at universities. We also know that some students have been really proactive and have signed up for taster days (Days at university experiencing aspects of degree courses). Students can research taster days and summer school options at the following link: www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/learn-about-uni-taster-course. During covid restrictions we recommend your child takes place in virtual university open days. www.whatuni.com provides excellent information about the range of courses, open days and options available at different universities and is a valuable resource for students and parents to use.

Upcoming key dates:

Tuesday 10th August: Results day for AS level Maths and Further Maths

Thursday 12nd August: Results day for any GCSE resit Maths and English.

Reminder – Absence and Attendance

It is a safeguarding requirement to call in if your child is absent for any reason, and inform us in advance of any appointments that impact on the school day.

Thank you for your ongoing support this year. This academic year has been unlike no other, and we would like to commend our students on the resilience and positivity they have shown. We see many, many examples of kindness in the sixth form, and young people trying their best, which we are very proud of.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Rachael Gibbons – Key Stage 5 Achievement Leader