

5th September, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome our new Year 12 to the Sixth Form. They all look refreshed and recharged ready to start the next chapter of their education. We hope that they will really enjoy their time here with us and make the most of every opportunity made available to them. We encourage them to embrace our school motto 'ut vitam habeant' ('that they may have life') by using their time, talents and gifts for the benefit of our community.

Our school has been very successful in our A level, BTEC and GCSE examinations. At A level 28% of our students achieved A*/A and 85% obtained A-C grades. In the BTEC qualification 55% of our pupils obtained a D/D*. At GCSE 49% achieved grades 7-9. This puts us in the top 5% of schools nationally. These are fantastic results and are testament to the dedication of both our students and their teachers working together with the support of our parents. We are delighted that their hard work has been rewarded.

Being in the Sixth Form brings certain privileges but there are still rules and regulations. Sixth Form students are allowed to go out at lunch time but they have to sign out **and then be back by 1:30**. At the moment they have to sign out in a book but when the lanyard system is up and running they will be able to use that. If you do not want your daughter to leave school at lunch time please could you let us know via email. They must also sign in before **8:40** every morning via the lanyard system. After 8:40 will be considered as late and they will have to serve a fifteen minute detention at lunch time. A senior staff detention is issued when there have been ten lates.

We want all our students to establish good study habits. Study periods are to be spent in the ISC or F10 in the sixth form block. Year 12 must be in school for the full day. After half term, when we have reviewed the interim reports those students who have established good routines will be allowed to go home if they have study periods in the afternoon. This will be a privilege and can be removed if work falls behind. In no circumstances should students start outside jobs or arrange driving lessons at this time as teachers can still request to see them.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your daughters are wearing the appropriate uniform. We understand that there has been a delay with the jackets which have now arrived in the School Shop. Just a reminder that the school skirt has to be tailored. Stretchy, tube-like skirts or those with slits at the side are not permitted. They must also be at knee level. We are aiming for a professional dress code. False eyelashes, nose or tongue piercings are not permitted. If students arrive in school with these they will have to remove them or be sent home if they need a professional to help them. Please refer to our school code of conduct and the uniform rules. We explained to year 12 that they are role models for the rest of the school so we expect them to set the standard.

[Code of Conduct Years 12 & 13](#)

Dates for the diary

Tuesday, 10th September - School photo for students who have just joined our school

Tuesday, 17th September 6:00pm - Parental Welcome and Information Evening (letter to follow)

Thursday, 3rd October 6:00 - 8:00pm - Year 6 Open Evening. All 6th Formers will be required to help this evening as guides or working in departments. Formal dress code will be required (need a school tie). Again separate letter to follow.

At the end of half term we have our House Drama festival which is a massive event in our school calendar. It is very hard work but lots of fun and the Sixth Form are absolutely amazing. We strongly encourage Year 12 to participate in whichever way they can and support Year 13 in this endeavour. I know the next seven weeks will pass so quickly. We hope that your daughters settle in well, establish routines and, most importantly, are very happy here. If you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact us.

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We will do our utmost to support your daughters through the next two years.
We look forward to seeing many of you at the Welcome Evening.

Yours faithfully,

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