



Year 12 Parents' Information Evening

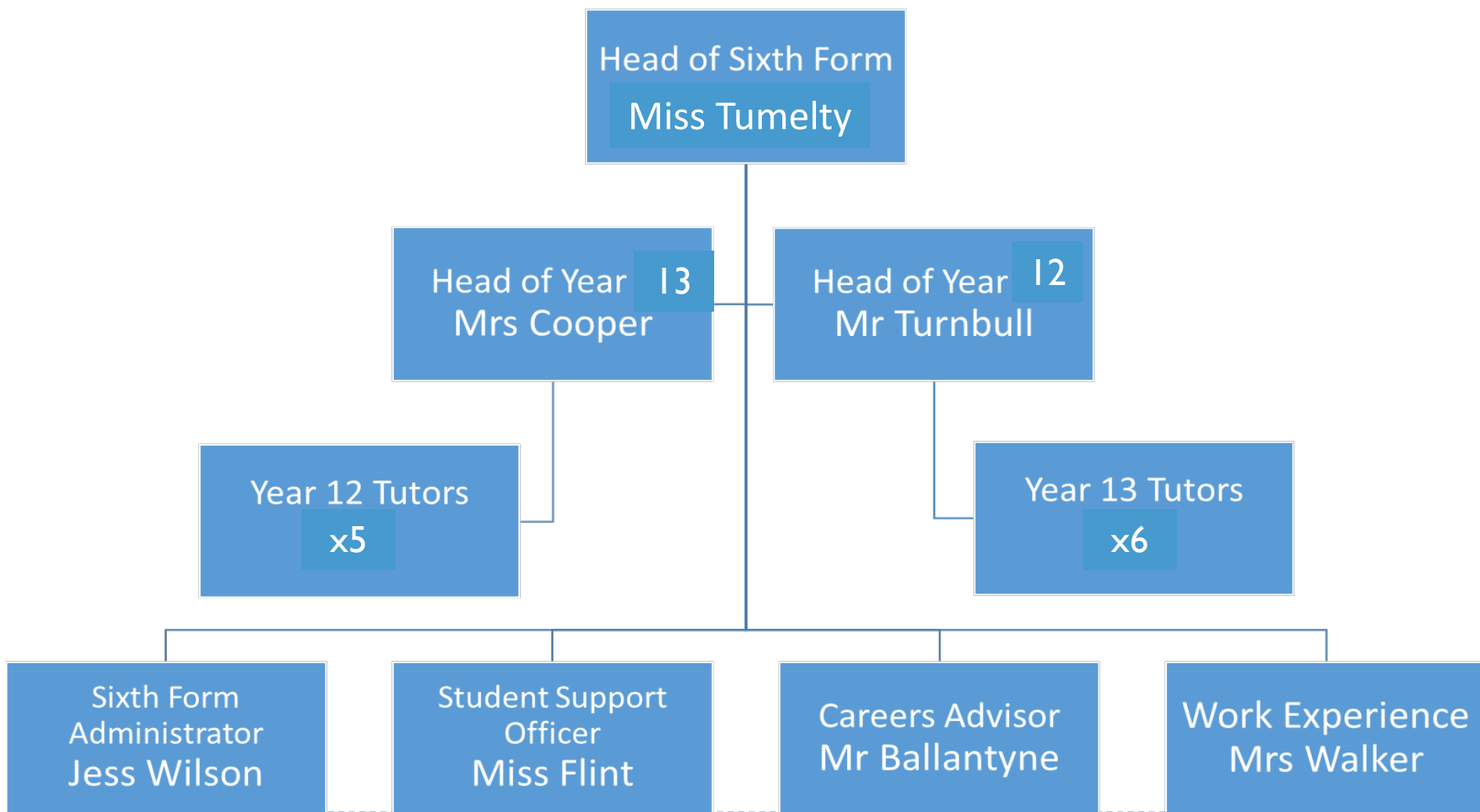
24th September 2018

Overview

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Sixth Form timeline
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Sixth Form Team



Sixth Form reputation & success

- ▶ One of the Highest Performing Sixth Forms in the North East, possibly Nationally

2018 Year 13 success:

A*-B%: 62%

A*-A%: 28%

Year 12 Timeline

Terms 1+2

- Confirmation of timetable
- **4 week subject trials- due to complete this week 28th Sept**
- Acclimatising to post-16 study / formation of independent study routines
- Working out how to use Study Periods effectively
- Resit English/Maths courses sit examinations in November

Terms 3+4

- Mock Examinations
- Start to access Careers Advice (1:1 meetings)
- UCAS Convention to aid students in looking at university and options beyond Sixth Form

Terms 5+6

- Main revision & examination season
- Focus on linear examination skills
- Rich Experience – focus on beyond sixth form (University and employment routes)
- Term 6- Begin UCAS process

Year 13 Timeline

Terms 1+2

- Review of results and timetable confirmation
- Curriculum change for some
- UCAS submission deadline (early deadline for some courses 15th October- Oxbridge, Medics, Dentists, Vets, Nurses, Teachers)

Terms 3+4

- Coursework / practical exams
- Opening of the study area on a weekend to allow for more study time

Term 5

- Main revision & examination season
- Completion of all BTEC courses
- Sign off
- End of Sixth Form Ball

Financial Support

- ▶ Bursary payment offered to students who qualify in order to help them with the cost of remaining in education (e.g. transport)
- ▶ Paid to students who:
 - ▶ Are in, or have been, in public care
 - ▶ Live without the support of family
 - ▶ Eligible for Free School Meals
- ▶ Paid weekly in arrears and is dependent on attendance, behaviour and completion of work
- ▶ Emergency funds available to any student where there is a significant emergency need



GCSE to A-level Study

- ▶ Higher level study, fewer subjects
- ▶ New subjects
- ▶ Changing relationships
- ▶ Greater freedom / independence
- ▶ Increasing responsibilities



Common issues

- ▶ Falling behind
- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Part-time jobs
- ▶ Leaving revision to the last minute
- ▶ Plagiarism

Attendance/ Absence

- ▶ Clear link between attendance and qualification success
- ▶ Holidays in term time have a significant affect on their education
- ▶ If absence is planned then please ensure that either:
 - ▶ You call the school in advance (ext 335) *or*
 - ▶ A note is brought in by the child
- ▶ For unplanned absence (e.g. illness)
 - ▶ Please call the school each morning (ext 335)
- ▶ Attendance target for each student is **95%**
 - ▶ A meeting with parents will be held where attendance is a significant concern. (90% = 1 day off a fortnight)
 - ▶ A formal attendance contract will be drawn up if attendance falls below 80%



Part-time employment

- ▶ Helps students to become more financially independent
- ▶ Helps students to develop useful skills for the workplace (including time management)
- ▶ ... but students need to remember that they are in full-time education.
- ▶ 8 hours per week is a recommended maximum



Early warning signs

- ▶ Contact about absence / punctuality
- ▶ Low indicators on modular reports
- ▶ Missed assignment/homework deadlines
- ▶ Reduced focus/interest evident at home

Contact your son/daughter's HoY (Mr Turnbull)



Communication with parents

- ▶ Letters via students

- ▶ Text message if a letter goes out to the whole year group

- ▶ Letters via post

- ▶ Report
 - ▶ Important mailings

- ▶ Phone Call

- ▶ Discuss concerns (academic or pastoral) referred by subject teachers

Enrichment opportunities

- ▶ Fortnightly enrichment afternoon:
 - ▶ Debating, CSLA, Art Leadership, Work experience, Duke of Edinburgh
 - ▶ Peer Mentoring/ Educators

- ▶ Additional Studies
 - ▶ Extended Project
 - ▶ Core Maths

- ▶ Charity Week

- ▶ Other opportunities:
 - ▶ World Challenge
 - ▶ Trips (e.g. CERN / France / New York / Holocaust)



Work Experience

- ▶ **Why? Good quality Work Experience can...**
 - ▶ give students a better understanding of the world of work.
 - ▶ help to develop “employability skills” such as independence and punctuality.
 - ▶ make students more attractive to future employers.
 - ▶ help to improve motivation
 - ▶ help students to decide between university and apprenticeship routes

- ▶ **Work Experience can be “compulsory” for some students wishing to pursue certain university courses (e.g. nursing, medicine, law)**



Work Experience

- ▶ Y12 Work Experience week: 8 – 12 July 2019
- ▶ Student deadline for placements **8th February 2019**
- ▶ Once arranged forms should be returned to Mrs Walker as soon as possible.
- ▶ After 11th February we will do our best to allocate students to placements but we cannot guarantee that it will meet their career needs.

We will be asking student to...

- ▶ Speak to family and friends about work experience as they may be able to help you find a placement.
- ▶ Begin contacting businesses by letter or telephone as soon as possible, remembering that the most popular placements will be taken quickly.



Beyond Sixth Form

- ▶ In 2018
 - ▶ About 85% of students continued into higher or further education
- ▶ Support also provided for those going direct to employment
 - ▶ Also includes employment with training (e.g accountancy firms)

Support for University

- ▶ **Early entry / competitive courses**
 - ▶ Range of opportunities & visits offered (e-mail list)

- ▶ **Careers Advice**
 - ▶ 1:1 appointments
 - ▶ Group briefings for specific sectors (e.g. health/nursing, primary education)

- ▶ **UCAS Convention-** they all attend this at the Metro Radio Arena

- ▶ **Student & Parent briefings**



Support for University

- ▶ **Presentations from:**
 - ▶ Newcastle University (includes Partners scheme)
 - ▶ Northumbria University
- ▶ **Durham University HE Day**
- ▶ **Student Finance evening and UK tour**
- ▶ **Gap Year information**

Support for other destinations

- ▶ School leaver schemes (e.g. accountancy)
- ▶ Apprenticeships
- ▶ Direct to Employment

Support provided through Miss Tumelty, Connexions specialist and Miss Flint

Year 12 Key Dates

Y12 Parents' Evening: Tuesday 13th November 2018

Y12 Full Report: Monday 26th April 2019 (posted)

Y12 Mock exams: Monday 17th - Friday 28th June 2019



Ways you can support...



MAGGIE'S

Everyone's home of cancer care

All Year 12 have £5 of raffle tickets to sell

They have a sponsor form if they can be sponsored for an event

Pop along to one of the evening performances

Support them to develop as many skills as they can in this week



Messages from current students

“I wish my parents had...”

Made me listen (easier said than done).

They encouraged me to work hard but they didn't understand the step-up and pressure of workload. It has been really tough.

I wish I'd listened to them more.



Any questions

