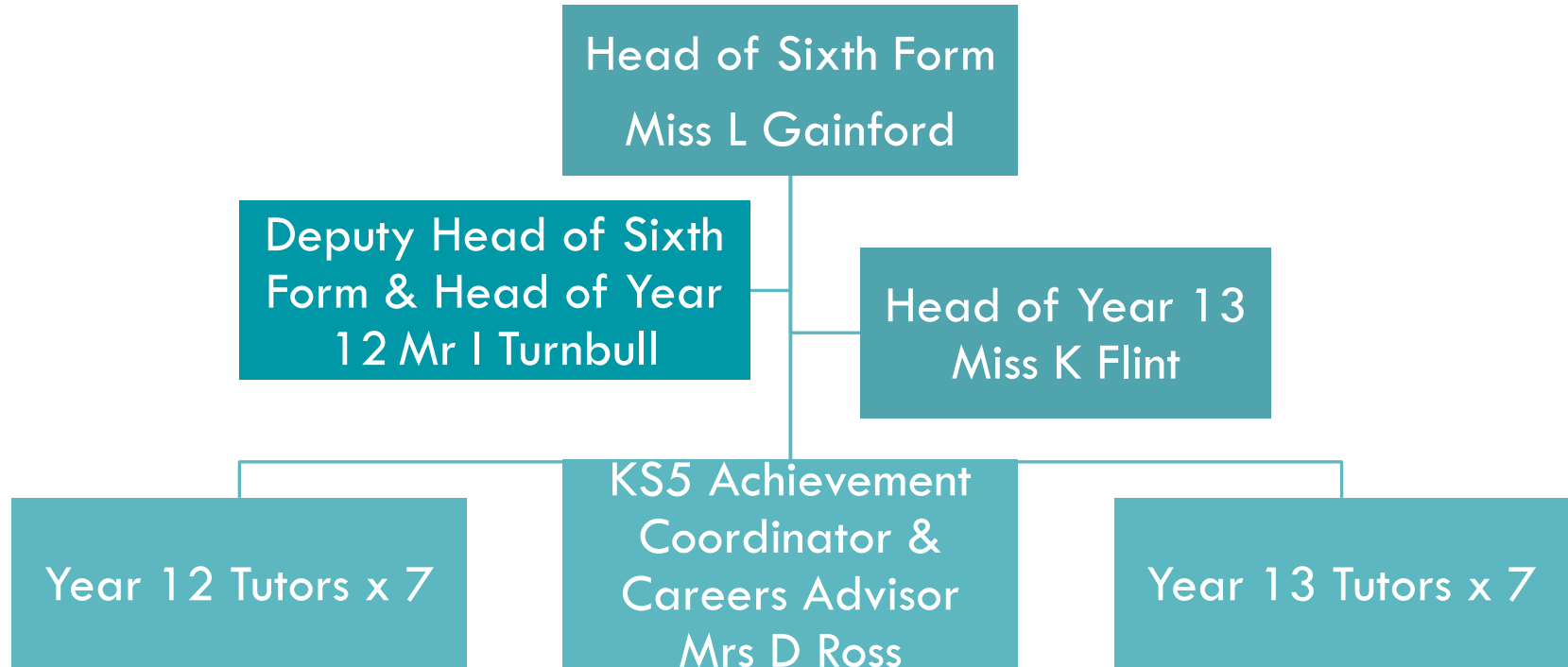


Year 12 Parents Information Evening

Monday 16th September

- Welcome and introductions
- Expectations
- Academic support
- Pastoral support
- Enrichment and wider opportunities
- Beyond Whickham Sixth Form
- Q&A

Introductions - Sixth Form Team



Expectations - Code of Dress

Sixth Form students are required to dress in a manner that would be acceptable within a professional workplace. The Code of Dress below is for the gender which you identify as.

Male	Female
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Formal/smart shirt and tie▪ Formal/smart trousers▪ Formal shoes▪ Sixth Form lanyard <p>Optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Plain jumper over shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Formal/smart top to cover shoulders.▪ Formal/smart trousers or skirt or dress, of a suitable length▪ Formal shoes▪ Sixth Form lanyard <p>Optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain jumper/cardigan

Hoodies, crop tops and casual footwear e.g. plimsolls and trainers are not permitted.
Tatoos (over 18's) must be discreet and inoffensive.

[Full information can be found on the Code of Dress webpage](#)

Expectations - Code of Dress

- The Sixth Form lanyard must be worn.
- Students are allowed a single facial piercing and 2 earrings per ear.
- No elaborate makeup, hair adornments, unnatural hair colours or extreme hairstyles.

Students completing practical courses:

All students are required to come in Code of Dress but can change into specialist clothing for lessons using school changing facilities.



Expectations - Attendance

- There is a clear link between attendance and academic success: Holidays in term time have a significant effect on education
- If absence is planned then please ensure that either:
 - You call the school in advance (ext 204) *or* A note is brought in by the child
- For unplanned absence (e.g. illness)
 - Please call the school each morning (ext 204)
- Attendance target for each student is **98%**
 - 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%.

Expectations - Attendance

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Internal Exams - Key dates

Ongoing monitoring by subject staff - Classwork, homework, work ethic, progress tests etc.

Formal internal exams

- Mid year mocks WB 3 Feb
- End of Y12 exams WB 9 Jun



External Exams - Key Dates

- Resit Maths and English - November and May/June
- Vocational BTEC exams - May/June
- Further Maths exams - May/June



Academic Support

- Independent study lessons - 2 per week (See next slide)
- Additional lessons set by subject staff.
- Detentions for academic support.
- Additional supervised study lessons timetabled with the Sixth Form Achievement coordinator.
- Bursary support - Stationary, textbook deposits etc.

Timetables - Independent study/ Free periods

1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
1Mon:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	1Tue:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	1Wed:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	1Thu:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	1Fri:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	2Mon:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	2Tue:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	2Wed:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	2Thu:Reg Tutorial JCS 37	2Fri:Reg Tutorial JCS 37
1Mon:1 Sociology LPE G12	1Tue:1 EPQ LR A6	1Wed:1 BTEC Dance SWI ASB		1Fri:1 BTEC Dance SWI ASB	2Mon:1 EPQ	2Tue:1 BTEC Dance SWI ASB	2Wed:1 EPQ LR A7	2Thu:1 EPQ	2Fri:1 BTEC Dance SWI ASB
1Mon:2 Independent St	1Tue:2 Media RRO 31	1Wed:2 EPQ	1Thu:2 BTEC Dance SWI ASB	1Fri:2 Media SHN 39	2Mon:2 Independent St		2Wed:2 Media SHN 39	2Thu:2 Media SHN 39	2Fri:2 BTEC Dance SWI ASB
			1Thu:3 Media SHN 39	1Fri:3 Sociology SH 51	2Mon:3 Sociology LPE G12	2Tue:3 Media RRO 31	2Wed:3 Sociology LPE G12	2Thu:3 BTEC Dance SWI ASB	
1Mon:4 Media RRO 31	1Tue:4 BTEC Dance SWI HALL	1Wed:4 Independent St	1Thu:4 Sociology SH 51		2Mon:4 Media SHN 39	2Tue:4 Sociology SH 51	2Wed:4 L2 Leadership MDN 18		2Fri:4 Sociology LPE G12
	1Tue:5 Sociology LPE G12	1Wed:5 Sociology SH 51					2Wed:5 L2 Leadership MDN 18		2Fri:5 Media RRO 31

Academic Support - Textbook Loans

- £5 deposit required per book.
- Check with each subject how many books are required/the titles of the books you require.
- Then go on the **ONLINE SHOP** (Noot Parentpay) and pay the relevant deposit e.g. 6 books = £30.
- After deposits have been paid, you can collect and sign out books from the library.
- Books are available to collect during break times and lunchtimes. Please do not go during lessons times, as the librarian will not have time to distribute books. Books can be collected from **Monday 16th September**.

Pastoral Support

Available from:

- Tutors
- Head of Year
- Head of Sixth Form
- Teachers
- School counselling team

We support students with a wide range of needs. Please communicate any needs with us and encourage your child to speak to staff when they feel they need support.

Enrichment and wider opportunities

- Wednesday pm enrichment sessions.
- Tutorial and PSHCE programme.
- Additional studies e.g. core Maths, EPQ, resit English and Maths
- Student Leadership opportunities.
- Charity Week
- Trips and visits.

Sixth Form Leadership Team

SF Student Leadership Team



Head Students: Niamh Hodgson and Zac Smith

Deputies: Brooklyn-Ellis Carr, Skye Sharp, Laura Taylor and Daniel Potts

Ambassadors: Karan Uppal, Alex Liddle, Martha Watkins, Millie Hinchcliffe, Isobel Lloyd, Anna Baylis, Holly McCallum, Joe Copley, Maddi Blair, Holly Clark



What is Charity Week?



- Charity week is an integral part of the school calendar.
- The event is run annually by Year 12 and brings the whole school together for the common cause of raising money for a charity chosen by the year group.
- Traditionally Charity Week has included old favourites such as Teachers Strictly, Variety show, Masked Singer and X Factor. Lunchtime events include tuck shops, lip sync battles and sponge the teacher. Often new events are chosen by the year group.
- It is a great event to get involved with for personal development and this is a fantastic opportunity to inspire others. Students can join the Charity Week Committee.
- Some of the best UCAS applications have included leadership and organisational skills developed during Charity Week.

2024 Charity

- **'Solving Kids Cancer UK'**. The money raised in Charity week will go directly towards the lifesaving treatment for 5 year old Annabel Ashmole, who was diagnosed with high risk neuroblastoma earlier this year. You may already be aware of Annabel's story from the local press and we have a student in Year 12 is very close to the family.
- The purpose of Charity Week this year will be to raise money for Annabel and importantly to promote the wider Charity of supporting all young children with life threatening cancer.
- We hope you can all support Year 12 in whatever way you can over the coming weeks to raise money and awareness for this excellent cause.



Y12 CAREERS PROGRAMME

MRS ROSS

<https://www.whickhamschool.org/careers/careers-guidance/>



Y12 CAREERS PROGRAMME

Term 1



- Independent Careers Planning
- UK University and Apprenticeship Event (October & November)
- Wednesday Afternoon Enrichment
- Careers Guidance Interviews - Pathway planning

Term 2



- Personal Careers Research
- Careers Guidance Interviews - Pathway planning
- Plan, research and source placement for Work Experience Week

Term 3



- Tyneside Exhibition - University and Apprenticeship Events (June)
- Begin UCAS process / Apprenticeship searches
- Work Experience Placement Week

Opportunities throughout the year





1-2-1 Careers Guidance

- 1-2-1 Appointments are scheduled starting in Half Term 2
- Initial Appointment will be 30 minutes
- Students can request follow up appointments (as many as they need)
 - Self Awareness - interests, skills, strengths and weaknesses
 - Develop an understanding of personal career or study preferences
 - Exploring a range of Post 18 Options available
 - Support personal research to inform decisions
 - Making a careers action plan
 - Raising Aspiration and developing self determination
 - Managing difficulties and setbacks - Plan B (or C or D. . . .)
- Group Thematic Sessions (medical / law / degree apprenticeships / Oxbridge)



Work Experience

- Great way of developing transferable skills & professional skills set
- Get a better understanding of the world of work and if a career is right for them
- Building networks, relationships and links to potential employers
- Make students more attractive to universities and employers

Please ask your child to speak to Mrs Ross or Miss Gainford if they have a strong desire to do Work experience as their Wed pm enrichment activity.





Beyond Whickham Sixth Form

- Around 70% of students continued into higher or further education in 2024
- Support is also provided for those who do not wish to pursue University
 - School leaver engagement schemes (e.g. EY, PWC, KPMG)
 - Apprenticeships Workshops
 - Higher / Degree Apprenticeship Search
 - Personal Statement & Application support
 - Gap year information and Guidance





Support for University

- UCAS University & Apprenticeships Convention (full year group 2nd October)
- Programme for Early Entry / Competitive Entry - workshops / visits
- Presentations / Assemblies / Workshops from North East Universities:
 - Newcastle (Partners)
 - Northumbria (Destination Northumbria)
 - Sunderland (Sunderland First)
 - Durham (Supported Progression)
- Thematic taster days at North East Universities
- UCAS Application Support & Personal Statements
- Authorised Absence for students attending University Open Days
- Student & Parent briefings - including Student Finance Information Evening

Communication with Parents

- Classcharts - 'Live reporting' of positive and negative points.
- Module reports.
- Emails and letters.
- Phone calls home.
- Invitations for parent/carers meetings.
- Year 12 Parents Evening (Tuesday 25th March)

Questions



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