



Dear Families,

I am delighted to be writing to you in the first of our half termly newsletters. We hope that by producing this newsletter we will be able to provide you with any relevant information including upcoming important dates and events. Hopefully this will help to streamline the relevant communication that you might find useful along with any other relevant news items to enable you to keep abreast of what is happening in the Sixth Form. This Sixth Form newsletter will be provided in addition to the whole school newsletter and you will still be able to access relevant detailed information and dates on the school website and on the calendar. If there is anything that you would like to see included in this newsletter then do please get in touch as we would welcome any feedback as we are developing this.

We are pleased to be back in College this week after a two week break over the Easter holidays. We hope that you enjoyed the double bank holiday and were able to use some of this time to relax and delve into some delicious chocolate eggs. We are now recharged and ready for this next exciting half term. This will no doubt be another busy and purposeful six week half term, punctuated with an additional bank holiday on the 8th to share the celebration for the King's coronation. Monarchist or not, I am sure we will all be grateful for a four day week. This gives our Year 13 students just that much more time to focus on their revision also, which I am sure they will be delighted with. As we all know, this is a particularly important time for our Year 13 students who will be embarking on their external assessments. This will no doubt be widely felt in your households. It passes! Please see more information below on details of this.

General Sixth Form information and reminders:

Part time working hours

Please remember that we strictly advise that no student should be partaking in any part time employment, during term time, that exceeds 12 hours per week. Whilst we definitely see the benefits of students undertaking paid work, both financially and in terms of gaining skills and confidence, we also know that the time that this takes away from the student's studies is far from helpful. We appreciate the temptation to work and to gain money as well as the sometimes unwanted pressure from employers, however we would ask that students are supported in sticking to the maximum number of hours set.

Expectations around study hours

In connection with the point raised above, we would be expecting that, as a minimum, students spend at least two to three hours per subject per week working outside of their timetabled lesson time. Soemstudnets will do significantly more than this and this can vary depending on deadlines set. Students should be using this time to complete homework however in addition to this they should also be using this time to review their learning and to consolidate lesson notes as a minimum expectation.

Tutor Time

As a reminder, it is expected that all Year 12 students attend tutor time from 8.40 am Monday to Thursday and on a Friday if requested by their tutor. At the moment, Year 13 are expected to attend tutor time every Monday and then to attend for their scheduled mentor conversation (this should be at least once per half term). Tutor time continues to be a compulsory part of Sixth Form as is important in ensuring we can fully support all students in every aspect of their education.



Year 12 News and Information

Student Leadership Opportunities

Over the next few weeks we will be holding an assembly whereby we will be introducing the opportunity for all Year 12 students to apply for a role within the highly esteemed student leadership team. The Sixth Form student leadership team plays a significant role within the wider school community and provides a positive contribution to the school and beyond. Many of our former and current student leaders would agree that they have benefited personally from this opportunity, not only in the positive addition it adds to their UCAS/Apprentice Application but also in the confidence and skills they have gained along the way. We will be looking forward to welcoming a high number of applications from our current Year 12 students.

Year 13 News and Information

Post 18 Information

UCAS

The majority of our Year 13 students have made an application to UCAS and many have now started to receive most or all of their offers. Students will shortly be required to accept their chosen offers. The following dates indicate when students should be making their decisions by:

Students who completed their application within the deadline should expect to receive all of their offers by 18th May. In this case, they are required to make their final choices by 8th June. Students should consider this decision carefully, looking at their predicted grades and the suitability of the course. Many Universities now offer 'Offer holder days' and we know that many of our students have benefited from attending these.

When accepting their offers students will be required to make the following replies:

These are the types of reply you can make:

Firm acceptance – this is your first choice.

If it's an unconditional offer, the place is yours! So that training provider will expect you as their student. Or if it's conditional, the place is yours if you meet the offer conditions. So just in case you don't, you can pick a second offer as a back-up – your insurance acceptance.

Insurance acceptance – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.

Remember, you'll only attend your insurance choice course if you don't meet the conditions of your firm choice, but you do meet the conditions of your insurance. You can't choose between your firm and insurance when you get your results, so make sure you're happy with your choices before you reply.

Decline – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

You can only accept one firm choice and one insurance choice (if you choose to have one). You must decline all other offers.

Please visit www.ucas.com for further guidance. Here you will find a wealth of detailed information.



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Apprenticeships and other Post 18 choices

Our Careers adviser, Mrs Jackson, is contacting and meeting with any Year 13 student who has not yet secured a or decided upon a Post 18 option. If you would like to speak with her then do get in touch with her by email on emma.jackson@hccs.info. She can provide students with a wealth of useful information and guidance for any non University route.

General Dates

- A Level Theatre Practical exams Friday 21st April
- May Day Bank Holiday and College closed: Monday 1st of May
- May Day Bank Holiday and College closed: Monday 8th May
- GCE exams begin on 15th May and end on 23rd June
- Year 13 study leaves begins on Friday 26th May

Useful links

Mental Health support : [Young Minds Kooth](#)

Post 18 support: www.ucas.com <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



Kindest regards,
Ms J Camm