



Friday 28 May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

In the final newsletter for this half term, I would like to praise Year 12 for their efforts in following safeguarding procedures in school including using the Inventory system, calling the absence line and behaving safely around school. We are pleased to see that students have settled in well, are enjoying their studies and working hard in the run up to their PPEs week commencing 14 June.

[Year 12 PPEs week commencing 14 June 2021](#)

We are aware that many Year 12 students will not have sat formal examinations before and so PPE week will provide an opportunity for them to experience the pressure of exam conditions. I would like to reassure you that entry into Year 13 is not dependent on exam results and we do not ask students to leave the Sixth Form if they underperform. PPEs are a learning opportunity for students and allow them to reflect on their study habits, revision strategies and knowledge retention. Students will have a Results Day once the PPEs have been marked and this will take place in school on 15 July. Please refer to the letter from Miss Cowlard detailing the arrangements for PPEs and get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Preparation for this has taken place in CPD where Miss Cowlard, new Phase Leader for KS5, has provided all students with a blank revision timetable covering the weeks leading up to the exams. Students have evaluated their revision strategies and identified their own preferences in terms of how they revise. These will be revisited after half term and again after the results day.

[Post 18 Pathways](#)

In form time this week, all students who intend to apply to university have begun the UCAS process by registering and completing their personal details. We will start to look at writing personal statements in the next half term but, in the meantime, UCAS Apply 2022 has course searches available along with information on student finance and what to expect at university. Students can of course use Unifrog to shortlist their favourites.



Our apprentices have been undertaking a skills audit to identify the employability and personal skills they need to develop in readiness for their applications next year. I would

recommend looking at Key Competencies on Unifrog with your child and discussing with them, the examples they have to demonstrate each one. Virtual Work Experience come up frequently on Springpod and students can do as many as they like to help them research careers, build skill sets and make decisions about their chosen careers.

Coming up next Half Term...

- CPD themes to support UCAS applications, PPEs, revision and Personal Development
- Leadership Training
- Student Voice opportunities to help us plan for individual needs
- Transition to Year 13 preparation

On behalf of the Sixth Form Team, thank you for your support in upholding our standards and we hope you all remain safe and well.

With very best wishes,



Mrs Pearson and the Post 16 Team