



Information for Y12 Parents

March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below a list of dates for your diary, together with some more detailed information regarding upcoming events.

Wednesday 3rd April	Sixth Form will be closed on this day and students will have work to complete independently.
Friday 5th April	Sixth Form closes for two weeks for Easter holidays.
Tuesday 23rd April	'Next Steps' launch day for students.
Monday 29th April	'Next Steps' information evening for parents.
Monday 13th May	Vocational external examinations begin.
Friday 24th May	Break up for half term week.
Monday 17th – 21st June	Y12 A-level exam week.
Friday 12th July	Term ends for Y12 students.
Monday 15th – 19th July	Y12 Internship Week
Thursday 15th August	Vocational Exams Results' Day. Results will be available between 9:00 – 10:00am.

Vocational Subject Examinations

If your son/daughter is sitting external examinations in vocational subjects this summer they will have already received an individual statement of entry and it is vital that they have checked this carefully and alerted us to any issues. It is important that they now begin a regular revision programme and it is particularly important that they use the upcoming Easter break effectively. In order to gain the most benefit from the revision and examination practice lessons teachers will run, students should return having thoroughly learned the subject content their exams will require.



Internal Examinations

In A-level subjects students will sit internal end of year examinations in the week 17th – 21st June. Together with any vocational results they may attain, it is results in these examinations that will be key in determining if a student has made sufficient progress to be allowed to continue with a subject into the more difficult second year. Traditionally, most students drop one subject before Y13 and, therefore, it is vital that students do well in at least three subjects in order to make a successful transition into Y13 and be in a position to apply to university should they wish. Should any student not be in this position we would meet with them to discuss alternative possibilities.

I would be grateful if you could discuss this with your son/ daughter and support them in planning and carrying out a systematic revision programme that will mean that they have prepared well for their exams.

'Next Steps'

After the Easter holidays we begin the process of helping students explore the options available to them after they complete Y13. This starts with a day off timetable where they can attend sessions delivered by representatives from universities and employers and then continues with a dedicated period a week with their form tutor to research areas they are interested in.

Internship Week

In order to support university or employment applications, term finishes a week early for Y12 students so that they can carry out a work placement at some point over the summer. This is a self-placement and students need to think about applying in the near future. We have found that family and friends are often the best source of a placement, especially for those not approaching large companies, and so I would be grateful if you could support your son/ daughter in arranging their placement. We would like all placements to be arranged and have all paperwork returned during the next half term.

Finally, can I thank you for your ongoing support and wish your son/daughter every success this summer.

Yours faithfully,

S Heaton

Head of Sixth Form