

6th Form Parents' Bulletin: May 2016

Key dates

- Monday 13th June A2 lessons start for Year 12
- Friday 17th June: Year 12 Higher Education Trip to Sheffield
- Tuesday 21st June: Higher Education Evening for **Year 12 Parents** (6.00-7.30pm in th 6th Form Common Room)
- Monday 27th June – Friday 1st July: Year 12 Work Experience Week
- Friday 22nd July : Year 12 start their summer holiday- please don't book holidays for Year 12 students during the Summer Term as they start their A2 courses on June 13th.

The exam period so far

With just over 3 more weeks of exams to go we have been delighted by the attitude of all our Year 12 and 13 students towards the exams. It is a very stressful period and they are dealing with it with maturity and a real sense of purpose.

School is open during the half-term and on Saturday 11th June

For those students who wish to work in the Common Room over the holidays, school will be open from Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June. During the Easter holidays over 30 students opted to work in school so we know that many of our students like to study at school. The Common Room will also be open on Saturday 11th June from 10.00am – 3.30pm.

Ill health/cause for concern

Please let us know if you feel your son's/daughter's health could affect their exam performance. It is essential that you keep us informed so that we can ensure the exam boards are notified. Likewise, if you feel there are other circumstances that we should be aware of please do not hesitate to get in touch. Our extension is 225.

Good bye

On Wednesday 4th of May we said an official good bye and thank you to the Year 13s at the Leavers' BBQ. It has been an absolute pleasure working with such a wonderful group of young people and the staff and I wish them every success for the future. A selection of photographs are at the end of this Bulletin. A staff DVD made as a farewell to Year 13 students can be viewed on the 6th Form website!

Results Day Arrangements

The AS and A2 Results Day is Thursday August 18th. Ideally students should come in to school on the day so that they can talk through results and receive advice and support if necessary. Students can come in from the following times: Year 13 - 8.45am and Year 12 - 11.00am.

It is also a good idea to leave August 19th free, if possible, if your son/daughter has applied to university, so that if they have a change of heart following results they can have your support on that day as well as that of staff in school.

GCSE results day is the 25th August, this only affects a small number of 6th Form students and they can arrive from 9.00 am to collect their results.

If your son/daughter can't collect results in person then please ask them to see Mrs Booth or myself to make arrangements to receive them.

Year 12 information

A2 lessons

A2 lessons start again for Year 12 on the 13th June. They will be beginning the new courses so attendance is compulsory. Our advice if students have 4 subjects at the moment is to carry on with all four until Results Day so that they can then make a fully informed decision on which three to continue with.

Higher Education Evening for parents and Year 12 students

On Tuesday 21st June 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm we have arranged for the University of Nottingham to send a representative to talk about the financial implications of going to university. Mrs Livings will talk about the process of applying to university and we will also have some ex-students in to talk about their experience of being at university.

Higher Education Trip

We have booked to take all of Year 12 to a Higher Education Fair in Sheffield at the Mortorpoint Arena on **Friday 17th June**. The event is a great opportunity for them to see what each university in the country has to offer along with the chance to talk with apprenticeship providers and the armed services. The cost will be £7.00 but we will of course make that a voluntary contribution to ensure the opportunity is open to everyone.

Students have already received letters about this but if you do require another please ask your son/daughter to collect another one from Mrs Booth.

Work Experience Week : 27th June – 1st July

Many students have now arranged their placements and all have completed an expression of interest form and have been given a booklet with some key information and details of local employers (who have in the past taken our students). If you are in a position to offer a work placement to a student we would be really pleased to hear from you. Work experience undoubtedly enriches students' CVs and is seen as important both by employers and by educational establishments. If your son/daughter hasn't found a placement yet please encourage them to ask possible employers as soon as their exams are over.

Other general information:

Careers Advice

If you feel your son/daughter would benefit from a meeting with our careers advisor then please encourage them to make an appointment through Mrs Booth. The careers advisor will be in school on Wed 15th June.

We now also have a very useful careers area on the school website which your son/daughter will be encouraged to access but which you can also look at too. If you go on to the school website and tick on the student tab you will see the virtual careers library. Or use this link: <http://kimberleyschool.co.uk/virtual-careers-library-2/>

Emails

Please encourage your sons/daughters to check their emails regularly as this is a vital way of staff communicating with students.

Students are emailed the weekly Student Bulletin on a Sunday night and this contains important information about the week ahead and forthcoming events that students need to be aware of. The bulletin also contains up-to-date information regarding University Open Days and apprenticeship opportunities. We have attached the latest Student Bulletin for your information.

2016 Year 13 Sixth Form Leavers' BBQ







Finally

We hope you find this bulletin useful in terms of keeping you in touch with what is going on in the Sixth Form. We wish all the 6th Formers every success with their exams and fully understand what a stressful time the exam period is, so please do contact us if you are concerned about your son/daughter.

The Year 13 students have been a privilege for staff to work with and we wish them all every success and happiness for the future.

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