

September 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

I'd like to welcome new year 12 students to us and welcome back our year 13 cohort.

Success in the sixth form is predominately down to six key attributes, so I'd like to emphasise these to you all at the start of the year.

1. Attendance should be 97% or greater.
2. Students should complete an hour of extra study for every hour of lessons they have in school. Students on a typical A level programme would therefore expect to do 15 additional hours work out of class, per week.
3. Wider reading is essential. Students should use the lists provided to increase their personal knowledge throughout the year.
4. Limit any paid work to a few hours a week. Too much threatens to become exhausting and reduce time for the extra work that needs to be done outside of lessons.
5. Gather evidence for your personal statements for UCAS or an apprenticeship application as you go. This will help when the time comes to write it.
6. Look after your health and mental wellbeing by eating healthily, doing an activity at least once a week and aiming for 8 hours of rest each night.

I look forward to seeing students at work over the coming weeks and months and I wish them every success this year.

Yours sincerely

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