



Sixth Form Bulletin 06.11.20

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Welcome

As we enter a second lockdown, it is reassuring that school continues to run relatively smoothly, with most students attending lessons and making the most of every opportunity. We are publishing relevant careers and next steps opportunities on the Sixth Form Information Google Classroom and Year 12 Induction Google Classroom. We are also hoping to run a remote Y12 Careers Carousel on 19th November. In the absence of work experience, students can be proactive by completing MOOCS, watching Ted Talks and reading articles linked to their next steps.

Attendance

If a student is told that their teacher will not be in school and that there is no cover teacher, they do not have to be on site for that particular class.

Students can email Mrs Lopes to confirm that they will study at home and if we are not informed they will be marked as absent. Students will not be permitted to go home and come back again if the unsupervised class is in the middle of the day as they can still only enter the site at the beginning of period 1 and period 3.

Students must check their google classroom every day to check for any messages regarding teacher absence.

Study room space after school

If any sixth form student feels that they would like to remain in school to study, we are still offering some spaces in a computer room after school on Monday and Wednesday from 3.15-4pm. Students should contact their head of year or Mrs Lopes if they wish to do this.

Year 12 Student Leadership roles

We were delighted to receive so many excellent applications from year 12 students to apply to be either a house captain, prefect or subject ambassador. Students attended a meeting with either Mrs Lane or Mr Kunig this week to review their roles. An excellent range of proposals have been submitted enabling the students to look at opportunities to broaden their leadership skills and give back to the school. We are looking forward to seeing the impact of their ideas.

Year 13 Trial Exams

These will take place between 7/12/20 and 18/12/20 Exam timetables will be released next week. Lessons will have a revision focus between now and the exams. Students should only attend school for exams from 7.12.20.

Year 13 UCAS Appointments - Update

Appointments are filling up fast with Mrs Coyle, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Lane. Students will need to ensure that their UCAS application is filled in, personal statement and pending results added and application paid for **BEFORE** their appointment. Please do support your child with this over the next few weeks.

The following members of the school sixth form team have been allocated to process Year 13 UCAS applications. This includes checking details, personal statements, references and input of predicted grades.

13C and 13F - Mrs Coyle
13G and 13H - Mrs Lane
13M and 13W - Mrs Harvey

UCAS application deadline:
Friday 15th January 2021

Personal Statement Guidance

Please see below guidance on writing a Personal Statement. Please find time to sit down with your son/daughter and read through their statement together. I have been blown away by the talents of our students this term - they should be so proud of their achievements, even throughout this unpredictable year.

[Writing a Personal Statement](#)

Orwell Foundation / Young Poets' Network Collaborative Poetry competition.

This prestigious poetry competition was launched earlier this year, with the theme of political writing. I think you will agree that **Benjamin Surguy's** satirical entry, despite not winning a prize, is worthy of commendation [absolutely]

Click [here](#) to find out more and read the winning poems.

"The Cameras

Are there for your Protection

Only wrongdoers need fear

If you object, you fear

If you fear, you do wrong.

"It's only temporary

Until we control the crisis

[And control it absolutely]

To control the crisis, we must control causes

And the causes of those causes

Which boils down to you, my friend

We must control you [absolutely]

"It's not my party's fault,

It's the fault of the Opposition,

The fault of my predecessors,

The fault of anyone but me

[And entirely the fault of you]

"For taking freedoms from their people

We strongly condemn that nation

[But that is all we'll do]

And while attention is distracted,

We'll take those freedoms here.

"It all, my friend, comes down to this:

'Trust us'

[Though we don't trust you]