

Sixth Form Bulletin 23.07.21

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See you in September!

We have come to the end of the summer term and what a rollercoaster it has been. We are extremely proud of all our students and we hope they enjoy a well earned holiday albeit with some summer learning on the side!

We would also like to thank parents and carers for their support and perseverance throughout this year and we look forward to welcoming the students back in September to complete their Sixth Form journey.

Congratulations



Benjamin Surguy, Libby Bray and Helen Caines were Key Stage 5 finalists of the Vanguard Trust poetry competition.

Unfortunately, Libby and Helen were unable to be in this photo but we would like to congratulate all the talented students who took part for their excellent entries and for representing the Sixth Form. In particular Libby Bray who was the overall winner for Key Stage 5 across the Trust.

Goodbye

We would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to Miss Osejindu, our Sixth Form Administrator, who is leaving us to embark on her teacher training. Miss Osejindu has been a huge asset and support to all of the Sixth Form team and her kind, patient manner with understated efficiency will be sorely missed by us all, but she has promised to come back and visit in the next year.



University (UCAS) update

Please be aware that many universities are starting to hold in-person pre-booked campus visit days, but places are being snapped up very quickly and already booking ahead to the Autumn term. Students should be signing up to receive information about individual university courses via UCAS in order to hear about these events. We would strongly recommend going to visit, rather than just rely on virtual tours to see if students can envisage spending 3 or more years there.

We will authorise limited days off school in the Autumn term to attend such days if it is not possible to book these at the weekend, but the priority must remain on being in school to ensure students are on track to meet their target grades.

Unifrog parent access

We have set up a parental login for Unifrog for parents to explore the platform without having to rely on their child! Parents should visit www.unifrog.org/code to get signed up. You will need to fill in the required fields such as name, email address and create a memorable password before clicking 'Sign up'. You will need to use the Form Code **parentsvyners** for your initial login - email addresses and passwords are used to log in from then on. Please do this before 18/8/21 as the Form Code expires on this date.

Start of Autumn term

The current arrangements for coming back to school in September are below. Please keep an eye on Google Classrooms and emails during the summer holidays, as this is how we will communicate any updates or changes to the plans for September.

Tutorial time for all students will revert back to every morning from 08:30. Sixth Form students will all be expected to attend morning tutorial time every day. This time will be vital to share information centrally, hold assemblies and guide students through their post-18 plans. Year 13 students will be permitted to leave site once they have finished any lessons and timetabled study periods for the day, as long as they are on track in each of their subjects areas and not required to attend extra intervention support sessions.

September testing and return arrangements for Year 13 (Current year 12)

The Department of Education is requiring all schools to do two LFT tests **on-site** in September. Testing is aimed at quickly identifying those individuals that carry the virus (who may well be asymptomatic). Swift identification means people can take the necessary steps to isolate themselves and hopefully slow transmission of the virus.

Most of you will already have been engaged in twice weekly covid testing at home since schools returned in March 2021. As such, students are very familiar with the process of self swabbing. Therefore, they will be taking their first LFT test in the Sports Hall in a fully supported and supervised environment and their second LFT test under the supervision of their tutor in tutorial rooms (when they will be given their home testing kit). Home testing will then continue twice a week until the end of September (when it will be reviewed by the DfE). All home test results **must** be reported to NHS Test and Trace (as they are taking over close contact tracing from schools after the end of term).

Results of the onsite tests will this time be available in 15 minutes. Due to the numbers of students involved, the school is unable to communicate the results of negative tests to parents. Parents will, however, be contacted **immediately** in the event of a positive test and asked to collect their child from school. Parents will be responsible for arranging the subsequent PCR test, which will confirm or deny the diagnosis. Children must self isolate immediately if they test positive on a lateral flow test. A child that subsequently tests negative on a PCR test, and who does **NOT** have any covid symptoms will be invited straight back into school and is not required to serve a 10 day isolation.

Please ensure that we have up to date contact details and inform us of any changes.

The schedule for return and testing is as follows:

Wednesday 8th September	Testing in the Sports Hall Come in for the first supervised Lateral Flow Test in the Sports Hall and go straight home afterwards . 08:00 - 13C 08:20 - 13F 08:40 - 13G 09:00 - 13H 09:20 - 13M 09:40 - 13W
Thursday 9th September:	Normal school day. Arrive at 08:30 for tutorial time.

	Students may leave the school site by signing out after their last timetabled lesson or study period. This will be the expectation every day for all students.
Friday 10th September:	Normal school day. Arrive at 08:30 for tutorial time. Leaving site- as above
Monday 13th September	08:30- 09:15 Testing in tutorial rooms: 13C, 13F, 13G, 13H, 13M, 13W Attend as normal at 8:30am. Tutors supervise them taking a 2nd LFT in tutorial time. Go to normal timetabled lessons/ study periods straight afterwards at 09:15

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