



## Sixth Form Bulletin 15th October 2021

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### Black History Month

"I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed."

*Booker T Washington*

- **Student Voice assembly**

Mr Kunig presented an assembly about the importance of student voice and taking the opportunity to represent the year 12 & 13. We hope that Sixth Form students take this on board and take advantage of every opportunity available to them.

- **Reporting Attendance**

Please can parents and carers be reminded that they need to call or email to report their child absent. There have been a few cases of students ringing in or emailing to report themselves absent or ill. As a duty of care, messages sent by a student will be followed up to receive confirmation from the parent/carer.

- **Covid Lateral Flow Testing**

Please remember that students should still be testing and recording a negative result twice a week. A reminder of the importance of this will be delivered through tutorial time next week.

- **Year 13 university applications**

Well done to all the students applying to either Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science courses who have sent their applications off to UCAS to meet the early entry deadline today. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

The remainder of year 13 students applying to university can apply as soon as they are ready, by completing their application, paying the fee and then emailing their supervisor to arrange a meeting to check the application before sending it off.

Mrs Lane Fry & Gell	Mrs Coyle Cheshire & Huxley	Mrs Harvey John Miles & Windsor
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A reminder that the deadline for UCAS to receive applications is January 26th 2022, but we advise students applying to competitive courses to send their application off sooner rather than later.

- **Year 12 early entry applications**

Those students in year 12 who are considering applying to university as an early entry candidate will have an opportunity to meet with the year 13 students to discuss their experiences, give advice and tips.

- **Year 13 Trial Exams**

These will take place between **Tuesday 30th November and 16th December 2021**. Most exams will take place in the afternoon. [Exam timetable](#) and revision [hints and topics](#) can be found on the school website under Exams.

**A Level Exams Summer 2022**: The latest guidance regarding the summer 2022 exams can be read here: [Decisions: proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022](#). A summary of key information relating to A Level subjects is below:

- All A level subjects will be given advance information about the focus of the content in the exam. This will be issued by 7th February 2022 and is intended to support student revision.
- Art will be assessed on the portfolio only
- Science - CPAC can be assessed across the minimal number of practical activities
- Advance information will be given for any students resitting English / Maths GCSEs in November.
- Grade boundaries will be adjusted to be midway between 2021 and 2019 in order to be 'as fair as possible' to students and to provide a 'safety net' for students.
- This guidance is to be read alongside the [Arrangements for non-exam assessment for qualifications in 2022](#) which was updated in June 2021.
- **Link to school events calendar** [Calendar](#)
- **Link to term dates** [Term Dates](#)

	<b>Details</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Half term holiday</b>	School closed	Monday 25th - Friday 29th October
<b>Sixth Form open evening</b>	For current yr 11 students All yr 12 to assist as guides for the evening	Tuesday 2nd November
<b>Yr 13 Reports</b>	Paper copy sent home and available on Edulink	Friday 5th November
<b>Yr 13 Parents evening</b>	<b>Virtual event</b> via school cloud video call- details will be emailed home.	Thursday 11th November
<b>Staff Training days</b>	School closed to students	Thursday 25th and Friday 26th November
<b>Occasional Day holiday</b>	School closed in lieu of Queen's jubilee holiday	Monday 29th November
<b>Year 13 Exams</b>	Please see	Tuesday 30th November - Thursday 16th December
<b>Last day of Autumn Term</b>	Finish at lunchtime	Friday 17th December