



Sixth Form Bulletin ***14th January 2022***

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"Success is the
sum of small
efforts, repeated."
— R Collier

Congratulations

We are delighted to share the news that Benjamin Surguy, Head Boy has been given an offer by The University of Oxford to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics next year. It was a long and challenging process with many hours of wider research and preparation, admission tests and interviews. We wish all the best to students who are still waiting to hear the outcome of their applications, whether it is to university, art college, apprenticeships or to a workplace.

Year 12 Assembly

Year 12 have been challenged this week to consider how much time they spend on their phone and social media. We discussed the possibility of deleting some social media apps for a while, to think about putting phones elsewhere in the house when completing work and perhaps considering picking up a book every time they think of picking up their phone. Mrs Coyle suggested downloading the Freedom App which limits daily usage of social media, or possibly reading the book "How to Break Up With Your Phone" by Catherine Price. This [TED talk](#) is also a valuable insight into getting our brains to focus. Can students spend at least 60 minutes this weekend without their phone? We would love to hear if anyone has successfully completed the challenge.

Year 13 Assembly

Students have received an assembly and guidance through tutorial time about receiving feedback and how to frame their mindset to help identify areas they need to focus on and strategies to achieve this. We hope this will support them in their response to their trial exam feedback which they are receiving in their lesson time during January. Their Trial exam grades will be published in the next progress check out on 4th February.

University applications

92 Year 13 students have now sent their applications off to UCAS with many offers flooding in. Although year 13 students do not need to make final decisions until June, in most cases, to accept firm and insurance places, they have been reminded that UCAS predictions may not reflect their current progress. They need to look carefully at their trial exam results and current progress before finalising any decisions.

Sixth Form Success Stories

If you have any success stories about students' achievement beyond the school day, then please do let us know by emailing the sixth form team above. We would love to hear about the fantastic work our students are doing in the wider community.

Teacher absence in Sixth Form.

The majority of lessons have now returned to full staffing, so students should be attending tutorial time and lessons as normal, unless they are advised otherwise by their teacher or a member of the Sixth Form team. **Please note all students should be attending tutorial registration regardless of whether they have lessons unless authorised by the Sixth Form team. Do contact** us if you have any questions about your child's timetable or study arrangements.

Year 12 in class assessments

These will be happening in lesson times between 31st January and 4th February 2022.

Term dates

Please use this [link](#) to see the school term dates.