



April 2019

Y12: Key summer dates and information

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Students recently had the opportunity to attend a UCAS Convention in London where they had the chance to speak to universities, apprenticeship providers and companies about the different pathways and options available after sixth form study. Student feedback about the event has been excellent and we are now launching the next stage of our support and guidance towards career planning and future pathways.

What Next? Parent Meeting

We would like to invite you to our **What Next?** parent meeting on Thursday 9th May from 6:30-7:30pm in the Theatre at Cox Green School. This meeting provides parents/carers of Year 12 students with information about Year 13 and university (UCAS) and apprenticeship application processes. **This is something that requires parents and students to be equally proactive about and we consider this evening to be one of our most important and informative events.** At this event we are on hand to answer your questions and explain the schools approach to the UCAS application timeline and our plans for supporting any student wishing to start an apprenticeship. **A text RSVP will be sent out the week commencing Monday 29th April so that we can confirm numbers and plan accordingly.** We really hope that you are able to attend.

Ashley Smith (Director of Sports Academy) would like me to pass on to all parents that the route of USA Scholarships in football will also be shared at our What Next? evening and Ashley, and other representatives of this pathway, will be on site and available to answer any questions you may have.

High stakes end of year mock examinations and study leave

As you are aware all students are completing a 2-year study programme making the mock examination period vitally important. Over a two-week period, every student will undertake exams across all of their subjects, enabling teachers to truly grasp the progress being made. It is vitally important that students prepare well because these mock examinations will be used for future target setting and will be the main body of graded work used for predicted grades on university and apprenticeship applications.

Students will be on study leave for two weeks from **Monday 17th June** and are only expected to attend school for the exams. We ask that you remind your child to bring the correct equipment and wear normal school clothing. Please could you also remind your child that he/she is expected to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of any exam. The school day will start as normal on **Monday 1st July at 8:40am.**

Work Placement update – Monday 15th July – Friday 19th July

We are pleased to see that so many students have found work experience for the final week of term and wish to thank you for your support in helping your child find a placement. If you know that your child is finding it difficult to source a placement, and you are not able to help, please contact us or let us know in person at the 'What Next?' meeting. Students unable to secure a work placement will be required to attend school and support with

alternative curriculum week. Students completing Gold Duke of Edinburgh Final Expedition during this week are encouraged to secure a work placement during the holiday period.

Summer school, and taster and open days

We have been impressed with how many students have applied for Summer School opportunities at universities. We also know that some students have been really proactive and have signed up for taster days (Days at university experiencing aspects of degree courses). Students can research taster days and summer school options at the following link: www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/learn-about-uni-taster-course.

We recognise that the summer term is full of many opportunities for students and parents to visit universities and really encourage you to find out when your child's preferred universities have open days. www.whatuni.com provides excellent information about the range of courses, open days and options available at different universities and is a valuable resource for students and parents to use.

Upcoming key dates:

- **Monday 3rd June:** Induction into Y13 day for all Year 12 students
- **Monday 1st July-Thursday 11th July:** Career meetings for all Year 12 students with Mrs Sara McKay
- **Friday 12th July:** Final day of term for all Year 12 students completing work placements or DofE Gold
- **Thursday 15th August:** Results day for any BTEC exams completed at the end of year 12. Results are available from 9am.
- **Thursday 22nd August:** Results day for any GCSE resit Maths and English. Results are available from 9am.

We recognise that sixth form study is very different to that of lower school but would like to remind parents that you must continue to call in if your child is absent for any reason, and inform us in advance of any appointments that impact on the school day. I understand that students are given more independence but we do have a safeguarding responsibility and become concerned when we have not heard from parents about any absences.

We look forward to seeing you at our What Next? evening on Thursday 9th May.

Kind Regards,



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