

23 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Enrichment Week (Year 12 Futures Week) - Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July 2026

We write with regard to plans for the Year 12 students during 'Enrichment Week', which will run across the whole school from Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July.

The focus for the week for our Year 12 students is preparing for life post Parmiter's. Sending this letter out early gives students time to organise themselves. This is part of a larger next steps programme, which will include a variety of presentations looking at all the options open to them - further education, apprenticeships, GAP years and the world of work. We will also have evenings to support parents - an Apprenticeship Awareness Evening on Wednesday 28 January and a UCAS Information Evening this term (date TBC).

On the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Futures Week, students will be expected to undertake work experience relating to future career aspirations, organise visits to university open days and taster courses, research apprenticeship or employment opportunities, take a short online course or MOOC, or organise a personal cultural enrichment activity such as visiting a museum or art gallery, go to the theatre, visit another town or city.

Regarding work experiences, we would expect every student to do something during their time in the Sixth Form and this week provides a perfect window. Please help your son/daughter to source a suitable opportunity either via your own network of friends and family or encourage them to explore the many suggestions that the students receive via emails, the weekly student memo or the student intranet pages. As always, Mrs Zanetti will also be available to advise students about possible work experience opportunities but she will not be organising placements. She is also happy to provide careers advice and students are encouraged to make an appointment with her between now and the May half of term.

For these three days, students are responsible for organising anything they need in order to attend events, e.g. booking train tickets, registering for an open day, etc. Students are expected to cover the costs of any enrichment activities they plan. If they are entitled to bursary, please ask them to speak to Mrs Potter (Head of Year 12).

Students who are behind with work or have missed too many lessons due to absence will be asked to attend school to catch up on their studies.

On Thursday 2 and Friday 3 July, students will be in school participating in a range of talks and workshops focused around next steps.

On Thursday, we will have external speakers coming in from a number of universities - Sheffield, Falmouth, Bath, Birmingham and Nottingham - as well as representatives from Future Smart Careers and a recruitment agency. Students will sign up for a carousel of sessions, including:

- Supporting UCAS applications, including early applications (Medicine/Dentistry) and competitive courses
- Choosing your university course and location
- Apprenticeship support - searches, applications, interviews and assessment centres
- Personal statement workshop
- Creativity Careers Talk & Creative Portfolios Talk
- Student Finance
- Talk about current trends in the Recruitment Processes
- CV writing and cover letters

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On Friday, we will have a number of ex-students/alumni coming in to speak to our students about their own experiences, journeys and current situation, offering first hand advice and valuable tips for future success. Students will also have time to start writing their UCAS personal statements and CVs, so they can get ahead of the game before starting Year 13, which is an exceptionally busy time.

We know that some students will be out on the Gold and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions during this week, so they should arrange their work experience placements for another appropriate time and preferably during the Summer term following the Year 12 examinations which finish on Friday 8 May. We are also aware that some students will be absent on Friday 3 July, as they will be on the Physics residential visit to CERN.

On Monday 6 July, students will return to the Sixth Form at the usual time and lessons will commence as normal.

Exact details of the events taking place on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 July will be sent out once everything has been confirmed but, for now, please support your son/daughter in making the necessary arrangements for Monday to Wednesday. We are fully aware of what teenagers are like - June/July seems a lifetime away!!

Yours sincerely



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