



21<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## Go 4 Schools Data and Sixth Form Support

We hope you and your families are keeping safe and well during these times. Now that we are a few weeks into the new term and students have had a chance to settle into their new ways of studying remotely, we thought we would provide you with some information regarding access to the latest progress data as well as the support and remote opportunities available to our Sixth Form students.

### GO 4 Schools – Latest Progress Data Now Available

We have published updated progress data for your son/daughter on GO 4 Schools. For Year 12, you will see a current predicted and UCAS grade for each subject.

- **Your child's UCAS Prediction.** This is an aspirational grade that we think they could achieve at the end of Year 13 and is used for University/Apprenticeship applications.
- **The Current Predicted Grade.** Is the most likely grade that we believe they will achieve based on **current assessment data**.

This progress data can be accessed via the GO 4 Schools website in the 'Detailed progress' section.

<https://www.go4schools.com/parents>

Please be reassured that these grades are just an early indication of how students are settling into their new courses. They are likely to change and improve as time goes on, providing students continue to work hard, attend well and respond effectively to the feedback from their teachers.

The UCAS grade which is used for university and apprenticeship applications is also subject to review towards the end of Year 12 and into the start of Year 13 when staff have more evidence and data to inform their predictions. We are committed to ensuring that the UCAS grades strike a balance between being realistic and aspirational in order to provide students with the best opportunities for their future plans.

The student's timetable, homework, behaviour, and attendance data (including lesson by lesson attendance) can be viewed on both the website and the mobile app (available for smartphones and tablet). The attendance currently being recorded in GO 4 Schools is for remote learning lessons. Your son/daughter can also access this information via <https://www.go4schools.com/students>

There is a GO 4 Schools guidance document and Mobile App Quick Start Guide on the school website, explaining how to access the system and view the report and 'live' data.

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/assessment-and-reporting/>

Please contact Miss Ward on [ward@qegs.email](mailto:ward@qegs.email) if you would like further information or support using GO 4 Schools or if you are having problems logging in. Individual class teachers will also be able to help with questions about specific subjects.

## **Mental Health and Wellbeing Support**

Our Sixth Form tutor team will continue to telephone their tutees on a fortnightly basis to conduct wellbeing checks. We will also continue to hold virtual tutorials (Tuesday mornings) and assemblies (Thursday mornings) which will take place each week for our Sixth Formers.

If you are concerned about your son/daughter's mental health or wellbeing please contact either Mrs Allen or Mr Walker (Deputy Head of Sixth Form) and we can outline the support available, including access to our Sixth Form Counsellor, Trent PTS Ashbourne or one of our trained Mental Health Champions. The following website also has some valuable advice for parents: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/>

## **Academic Support/Help with Online Learning**

Our Study Skills teachers are preparing and releasing a weekly resource to support students with different aspects of their online learning. The first one was issued this week to students via Teams and was entitled "Remote Learning – How to make the best of it". This resource was filled with tips, advice and support with using Teams and studying remotely. Next week's session is on "Motivation and Organisation".

Mrs Tresidder is our dedicated Sixth Form Learning Mentor and is available for virtual academic support, you can contact her directly via [tresidder@qegs.email](mailto:tresidder@qegs.email)

## **Sixth Form Council**

Our Sixth Form Council is very active, and this has not changed whilst students are studying at home. The Council meet weekly and have some fantastic ideas on how to ensure that we maintain a sense of community as a Sixth Form during lockdown. Their first event to encourage virtual socialising is a Sixth Form Virtual Quiz on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Students can enter in teams and further information will be shared via the Council in the next couple of days.

The Council also issue a weekly wellbeing newsletter which is filled with positive news stories and tips for self-care and maintaining wellbeing during lockdown.

## **Careers**

We continue to offer our Sixth Formers careers information, advice and guidance on a regular basis. In recent weeks, students have signed up to specific industry Teams, for example 'Get into Accountancy', 'Get into Construction'. This helps us target any specific information or industry news. Ms Morgan (Head of Careers) is always looking for contributors, if you would like to get involved please contact her on [morgan@qegs.email](mailto:morgan@qegs.email). Our virtual assembly next Thursday will be on Apprenticeships and will inform students of the virtual events happening for National Apprenticeship Week. Careers appointments are also still available virtually with a qualified Careers Adviser. Students can request an appointment via their tutor or Ms Morgan directly.

We hope this information has been useful. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Allen on [allen@qegs.email](mailto:allen@qegs.email) or Mr Walker on [walker@qegs.email](mailto:walker@qegs.email) if you have any queries regarding the Sixth Form or if we can support your son/daughter any further.

Yours faithfully



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