



26th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Sixth Form Update

As we begin the final term of this year, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our students and their determination to make the most of all the opportunities offered to them so far. Despite restrictions and uncertainty, they have remained positive, demonstrating resilience and adaptability, with many activities organised by the students themselves being well supported. We have had regular sports events, plus weekly football (led by Mr Walker), a Well-being week, board games club, debating club, film club, raised funds for charity, the Business students ran the very popular "Tea on Tap" event for staff and Young Enterprise goes from strength to strength.

I hope that during this final term, as restrictions begin to be lifted, our students continue to demonstrate these significant strengths, together with the community spirit and responsibility we all need to show to keep everyone safe.

As you may already be aware, I am due to have a baby very soon and as a result my maternity leave will commence on 10th May 2021. Mr Walker (our current Deputy Head of Sixth Form) will be taking on the role of Head of Sixth Form (Maternity Cover) during my leave. Mrs Thrupp has also been appointed to cover the role of Deputy Head of Sixth Form. Congratulations to both members of staff on their appointments, the Sixth Form will certainly be in very safe hands over the forthcoming months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Sixth Form students, staff and parents for their support, cooperation and positivity during what has been a challenging academic year for all. I would also like to wish Year 13 the very best of luck as they approach their final weeks of class-based assessments and as they plan and look forward to their exciting next steps in life. I hope to keep in touch with them and look forward to hearing how they get on over the next few months.

To give you an idea of the programme and events coming up this term, I have outlined below some of the key dates and events for KS5:

Friday 23rd April: Year 13 students were provided with additional information regarding Teacher Assessed Grades

Monday 26th April at 2.30pm: St Edmund Hall, Oxford, Talk for prospective Oxbridge candidates

Monday 3rd May: Bank Holiday

Friday 14th May: Year 13 Last day of Teaching and Assessments in school (**NB:** some students may be advised by their teachers of additional days after this date that they need to come in to school)

Friday 28th May at 10.00am: Year 13 Leavers' event – Assembly, Shirt Signing, BBQ and games on the field

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th May: Half term

Wednesday 9th June – Friday 18th June: Year 12 Progress Exams

Tuesday 22nd June: Year 12 Careers Research Day and preparation for Mock Interviews

Wednesday 23rd June: Year 12 Mock Interview Day

Monday 19th July – Friday 23rd July: Year 12 Work Experience

Friday 23rd July: Last day of term

Other Important Information Updates

Year 13 Teacher Assessed Grades

JCQ have released a guide for parents and students to provide further information and support regarding the grading process this summer. The guide can be downloaded via <https://www.icq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>. If you have any queries regarding this process or if students require support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Car Parking at Sixth Form from May 2021

From May 2021 to at least May 2022 there will be no student parking on site due to the school site expansion project and building works. Limited alternative parking is available off Cokayne Avenue, however we strongly advise all students who live in Ashbourne to walk to school. Students driving to school must park courteously and with consideration in designated locations, ensuring that they do not block/restrict access to properties.

Post-16 Bursary and Woodroffe Benton Travel Fund

Financial support is available for students at QEGS Sixth Form. Please contact our Sixth Form Administrator, Mrs Smith smithv@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk for further information or to find out if you meet the criteria for the Bursary.

If students are planning some travel or other experience to support their studies, either in school holidays or a Gap Year, they can apply for a travel award to help towards the cost. Currently this support is also available to assist with costs of virtual events. To apply, students should send an email to myself or Mr Walker with a brief description of their plan, estimated costs, what the award would be put towards, and the benefit to their studies.

Sixth Form Dress Code

It has been great to see so many of our students following our dress code and looking smart. Please remind your child that wearing their lanyard is part of this (not in their pocket or bag). It is an important element of safeguarding and needs to be visible, in the same way people at work have to wear ID. This includes students who come to school in sportswear in order to take part in a sporting activity.

Tutor Time

Tutor time is compulsory for all students and starts at 8.40am, even if they have a private study period at the start of the day. The only day Year 12 students are not required to attend is on Monday A week. The only day Year 13 are not required to attend is Friday B week.

Attendance and Absence

Attendance to lessons at KS5 is important and we monitor our students and offer support when we notice patterns of absence. If students need to self-isolate, they will be expected to keep on top of their work by accessing the remote learning resources provided via Microsoft Teams. All students have been provided with a demonstration of how to use this facility both during their tutorials and lessons over the past few weeks. They can also access a video tutorial using the link below: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47sY9rR4tkc&feature=emb_logo

If your child is absent for any reason, please phone our Sixth Form reception on 01335 343685 ext 11424 before 9am. Medical appointments and driving lessons should be made after 2.30pm whenever possible.

Signing In/Out

If your child arrives at or leaves school premises after tutor time they must sign in/out on the sheets provided in Sixth form and let the Sixth Form office staff know if they are unwell. This is for safeguarding reasons, so we know where our students are, and also currently, for track and trace reasons. Please tell your son/daughter that they must do this.

COVID-19 Safety and Precautions

We are continuing to follow all the Government and Department of Education's guidance as outlined in Mr Garrity's weekly bulletins:

- ✓ **Face-coverings:** to be worn in all communal areas, classrooms and public transport
- ✓ **Hand sanitiser:** is available throughout the Sixth Form
- ✓ **Antibacterial wipes:** are available in every classroom for students and staff to use to wipe down desks

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✓ **One way system:** a one-way system is in place throughout the Sixth Form centre

I hope you find the above information useful. If you have any queries regarding the above arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Form Tutor, Mr Walker, myself or a member of the Sixth Form Administration Team on 01335 343685 ext 11913.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Allen'.

Mrs L Allen

Head of Sixth Form