

6th Form Key Dates and Assessment Calendar 2016-17



The following document should be kept at the front of your subject file to ensure you are fully prepared for the year ahead. It gives you an overview of all the important dates and also of the assessment weeks you will have throughout the year.

How we will monitor your progress

At the beginning of your sixth form journey you will receive an ALPS target grade. This is calculated from your GCSE performance and it provides a **minimum grade prediction** for the end of your A Level studies. To monitor your progress towards this minimum grade you will be assessed regularly. This gives both school and your parents/carers a real indication of your progress and allows quick intervention if things are not going as well as we all expect. As a sixth form student we appreciate that you are now far more independent in your approach to learning, but we also know that continuing to work closely with your parents/carers gives you the best chance of securing the very best outcomes. Now that the vast majority of A Level courses are linear, it is crucial that we all keep a close eye on your progress; after all you joined the Sixth Form to be successful!

Each half term you will have a **formal assessment week** which will consist of teachers giving you a timed assessment in each of your subjects. This will be tailored to the content you have been taught in lessons and it will be a past examination question, ensuring you are fully prepared for your external examinations. Once a year you will also have a **formal mock examination** period in which you will sit full examination papers in each of your subjects. For all assessments it is the expectation that if you do not meet the required standard set by your teacher, which is likely to be your minimum target grade, then this assessment will be repeated outside of lessons, at a time determined by the sixth form team. You will be well prepared and supported throughout the preparation for these assessments but if you feel in any way unsure then you must seek the help of your classroom teacher immediately. For students on BTEC courses it is crucial you meet the deadlines set by your subject staff, as your course relies on ongoing assessments which all count towards your final grades. Your time management must be excellent to meet the demands of this workload, it is not easy keeping on top of multiple assignments! Any student who does not meet the course assessment requirements will not be allowed to progress into year 13 and their future in the sixth form will be assessed. We do not offer resit years, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and therefore it is imperative you keep up to date and on top of your workload. **Please do see us if you are struggling in any way.**

On a half termly basis you will receive a **progress report (PR report)**. In this, subject staff will report your attitude to learning and the grade which they expect you to achieve at the end of your course, providing you continue to work as you currently are doing. These reports will be sent home to your parents / carers and will be discussed with your form tutor in an academic tutorial. If there are any concerns regarding your progress in any of your subjects the sixth form team will direct you towards intervention, with your parents / carers being involved every step of the way.

Week	Week Commencing	6 th Form Assessment and Reporting		Other Sixth Form Events / Parents' Evenings
		Year 12	Year 13	
1	29 th August	Staff Inset		
2 A	5 th Sept	Students return		Wednesday 7th September 6pm Yr 12 IAG 7pm – Yr 13 IAG
3 B	12 th Sept			
4 A	19 th Sept			
5 B	26 th Sept	Year 12 Diagnostic week – Assessments will be carried out in lessons based on your summer transition task and work completed to date – this will ensure you are placed on the most appropriate courses.		
6 A	3 rd Oct		Year 13 Assessment Week (yr13 only) in class assessments & BTEC progress check.	Friday 7th October – Early entry deadline for UCAS.
7 B	10 th Oct	Your first Progress Report (PR) data will be collected during the next two weeks, allowing your subject staff to reflect on your performance to date.		
8 A	17 th Oct			
Half Term				
9 B	31 st Oct	PR1 Yr 12 sent home to parents this week PR 1 Yr 13 sent home to parents on parents' evening this week		Thursday 3rd November – Yr 13 Parents' Evening
10 A	7 th Nov			Thursday 10 th – 6 th Form Open Evening / Careers Fair
11 B	14 th Nov			Internal UCAS Deadline
12 A	21 st Nov	6th Form Assessment Week – in class assessments & BTEC progress check		
13 A	28 th Nov			

14 B	5 th Dec	PR2 Yr 12 / 13 data collection week		Friday 9 th Dec – deadline for year 11 applications to 6 th form
15 A	12 th Dec	PR2 Yr 12/13 will be sent home to your parents this week		
Christmas Holidays				
16 B	4 th Jan (3 day wk)			
17 A	9 th Jan			
18 B	16 th Jan			
19 A	23 rd Jan			
20 B	30 th Jan			
21 A	6 th Feb	Yr 12 Assessment Week & BTEC progress check		
22 B	13 th Feb	PR3 Yr 12 Reformed Subjects Data collection week		
Half Term				
23 A	27 th Feb	PR3 Yr 12 Reformed Data collection week	Yr 13 Mock exam week & BTEC progress check and Yr 12 unreformed exams (Maths, Product Design, Media / Music tech)	
24 B	6 th March	Year 12 Parents Evening and PR3 Reports to Parents	Yr 13 Mock / Year 12 Unreformed exams continue	
25 A	13 th March		PR3 Yr13 Data & Mock Results collection week	Wednesday 15 th March – Yr 12 UCAS Convention
26 B	20 th March		PR3 Yr 13 Data home to parents this week	Thursday 23 rd March - Yr 13 Results afternoon Year 12 Parents' Evening - Thursday 23rd March

27 A	27 th March			
28 B	3 rd April		Yr 13 Re-mock exam week	
Easter Holidays				
29 A	24 th April			
30 B	2 nd May			
31 A	8 th May			
32 B	15 th May			
33 A	22 nd May			Friday 26 May Year 13 Leavers' assembly
Half Term				
34 B	5 th June			
35 A	12 th June			
36 B	19 th June	Year 12 Mock Exams		
37 A	26 th June	Year 12 Work Experience – 1 week		Tuesday 27 th June – Year 11 Induction Friday 30 June – Year 13 Leavers Ball
38 B	3 rd July	Yr 12 Mock Results afternoon Thursday 6 th July P5		
39 A	10 th July	Monday 10 th July Futures Day		
40 B	17 th July			