

SIXTH FORM KEY DATES & ASSESSMENT CALENDAR 2023-2024

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 a target grade. This is calculated from your GCSE performance and it provides a **minimum grade prediction** for the end of your A Level / BTEC 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 all 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	W/C	SIXTH FORM KEY DATES AND ASSESSMENTS & REPORTING		OTHER SIXTH FORM EVENTS & PARENTS' EVENINGS
		YEAR 12	YEAR 13	
A	4 Sep	WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER Y12 begin Sixth Form	THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER Y13 begin Sixth Form TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER Undergraduate applications open on UCAS	
B	11 SEP			
A	18 SEP	THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER Sixth Form IAG Evening Y12 6.00pm	THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER Sixth Form IAG Evening Y13 7.00pm	
B	25 SEP		FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER Internal school deadline for early entry UCAS applicants	
A	2 OCT (INSET day Friday 6)	Y12 DIAGNOSTIC WEEK Assessments will be carried out in lessons based on your summer transition task and work completed to date to ensure you are placed on the most appropriate courses	Y13 ASSESSMENT WEEK In class assessments & BTEC progress check	
B	9 OCT			
A	16 OCT		MONDAY 16 OCTOBER Early entry deadline for UCAS	
B	23 OCT (Term ends on Thur 26 th Oct)			

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

A	6 NOV (Return to school Tue 7 th Nov)		THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER Y13 Parents' Evening MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER Internal school deadline for UCAS applicants (not early entry)	
B	13 NOV	MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER		THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

		Yr12 Visit to Safe Drive Stay Alive		Sixth Form Open Evening
A	20 NOV			School Production Week
B	27 NOV	SIXTH FORM ASSESSMENT WEEK In class assessments & BTEC progress check		
A	4 DEC			
B	11 DEC			FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER Deadline for Y11 applications
A	18 DEC (Term ends on Thursday 21 st December)			

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

B	01 JAN (INSET Thur 4 th Jan. Return to school Friday 5 January)			
A	8 JAN			
B	15 JAN			Sixth Form interviews to be conducted over the next two weeks
A	22 JAN	Y12 ASSESSMENT WEEK In class assessments & BTEC progress check		
B	29 JAN	Y12 D of E Training (29 th Jan)	WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY Equal consideration application deadline for UCAS	
A	5 FEB			

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

B	19 FEB			
A	26 FEB			
B	4 MAR	THURSDAY 7 MARCH Y12 Parent's Evening	Y13 MOCK EXAM WEEK Mock exams & BTEC progress check	
A	11 MAR			

B	18 MAR			
A	25 MAR (Last day of term Thur 28 Mar)	Y12 ASSESSMENT WEEK In class assessments & BTEC progress check	WEDNESDAY 27 th MARCH Y13 Mock results	

EASTER HOLIDAY

B	15 APR	Yr12 D of E Practice Expedition 17-19 th Apr		
A	22 APR			
B	29 APR			
A	7 MAY (Bank holiday Mon 6 th)			
B	13 MAY		A Level exams begin (see here for the provisional timetable)	
A	20 MAY			

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

B	3 JUN			
A	10 JUN			
B	17 JUN	Y12 MOCK EXAM WEEK		
A	24 JUN	Y12 WORK EXPERIENCE & Yr12 D of E Expedition		MONDAY 24 JUNE Yr11 Induction Day WEDNESDAY 26 June Art and Technology Exhibition
B	1 JUL (INSET - Fri 5 th)		THURSDAY 4 JULY Last deadline for applications for UCAS	
A	8 JUL		THURSDAY 11 JULY Y13 Leavers' Ball	TUESDAY 9 JULY Careers Fair
B	15 JUL	TUESDAY 16 JULY Y12 Mock Results		

A	22 JUL (Last day of term Wed 24 July)			
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