



#### Sixth Form Message

We have been very impressed to see the Year 12 students working so hard towards their first set of mock exams. Whilst it can be daunting to sit real papers for the first time, it is beneficial for students to gain a real insight into which elements of the course they are strong at and where they need to do more focused work over the next year, in preparation for the real exams. Behind the scenes, teachers are busy marking their papers, ready to give useful feedback when they return.

Whilst students have not been in face to face lessons, teachers are busy writing their subject references for university and job applications next year. It is always a pleasure to read the lovely insightful comments the teachers make about each student and it is clear that the relationships students build with their teachers is a real highlight of Etonbury Sixth Form. Teachers will also provide two predicted grades - one is a realistic prediction of what they think each student will achieve at the end of Year 13 and the UCAS grade is an aspirational prediction of the best grade we think each student is able to achieve on a good day. These are decided based on the work the student has produced this year, in class tests as well as the mock result. The UCAS grade is the prediction we will give the universities and employers, as we want to give all students the best chance possible of getting into their favourite courses or jobs. You will receive these in a report before the end of term. If a student achieves an E or U grade in a mock, they will be given an opportunity to resit this in the first weeks back in September and parents will be informed if this is the case, so you can support the students at home over the summer.

With university and job applications on the horizon, on Thursday and Friday, students spent the days writing the first drafts of their personal statements and CVs. The first draft is always the hardest to get down on paper, but the earlier they start, the more help and support they can receive from their form tutors, subject teachers and myself. We have produced a useful document that has lots of links to model examples of good personal statements and CVs: [Preparing for Your Future: UCAS, CVs, and Degree Apprenticeships](#). Please talk to your child about their first draft and encourage them to reach out if they need more help getting started.

The Year 12s are out on work experience next week and we wish them the best of luck with this.

The skills and experiences they will gain from this are fantastic to include in their personal statements. We have students heading out to some really exciting placements, including the research lab in the Cancer Institute at UCL, Transport for London, Bloomberg L.P and even as exotic as Zakynthos- Ms Schumann and I are desperately trying to persuade Mrs Young that we need to do a check-in visit!

Chloe Dowden

## KEY DATES

### KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)
- [Explore Forage](#)
- [This is what makes us special ...](#)
- [Student finance](#)

### Year 12 Mock Exam and Work Experience Arrangements

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> -Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Students are on their WEX - those students who have not secured a placement must come into school for the whole week, where they will complete a week of virtual work experience in the Sixth Form centre.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** All students to attend Sixth Form as usual.

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Driving Lesson / Test - Permission Form: [Driving Permission Form](#)

Gym Permission Form: [Gym Permission Form](#)

### SUPPORT

#### Emotional and Physical Support:

Bedfordshire Counselling Service: [Open Door](#)

Hitchin Counselling Service: [HCS](#)

Mental Health Charity: [Young Minds](#)

Mental Health Support: [Kooth](#)

HelpLines: [Samaritans](#)

Sexual Health: [iCaSH](#)

Vaping: [Childline](#)

Delete social media: [BBC](#)

Remove nude images: [NSPCC](#)

ETA Safeguarding: [Etonbury Safeguarding](#)

NHS Mental Health Crisis Line: i111 and selects option 2

#### Academic Support:

Funding: [Harper Trust](#)

Funding: [Sutton Trust](#)

Funding: [Connolly Foundation](#)

Bursary: [16 - 19 Bursary](#)

### STUDENT NOTICES

#### [Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - LinkedIn](#)

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### DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

- [Degree Apprenticeships Presentation 2024/25](#)
- [Occupation Maps](#)
- [STAR](#)
- [Unifrog](#)
- [Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - LinkedIn](#)

### REMINDER

All students must sign in and out of Sixth Form. There are several ways to do this... you can use the chromebook on Miss Schumann's desk or scan the QR code on your lanyard and use your phone.

### EXAM INFORMATION

Please use this link to find information on when [your exams are taking place](#)

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