



Sixth Form Message

This week the atmosphere within Sixth Form was palpable as students arrived filled with a mix of anxiety and eager anticipation ready to begin their exams. Our Year 13 students embarked upon their mock exams and our Year 12 students have begun to sit BTEC exams. We wish them all the best of luck!

The UCAS application deadline for our year 13's is fast approaching and there are still several students who have not submitted their application form. Students really must submit their application now and if they are struggling or unsure in any way ask for support as a matter of urgency.

Now that our Year 12 students have grasped independent learning we have provided flexibility to their timetable. Providing students do not have a lesson P5 and are not falling behind with their work, they can leave the school site at 1:30pm. Students must exit the school via the main reception in a respectful way, not interrupting our reception team, using the code they have been provided with, which must not be shared with other students and kept confidential.

Young people face many challenges as they navigate their way towards adulthood and we support students within their form time with a wide range of PSHE sessions aimed towards preparing them to make informed choices. In addition to this we focus on education and support as trends emerge, both nationally and locally. This week we have sent out communications via the student notice boards regarding vaping and also the sharing of nudes or sexualised images. Within our support section, found below, we have included some additional links to help signpost services who provide support to students and their families.

This week during form time we have begun to make plans for the Junior School Valentines Disco, which is scheduled to take place on Thursday 13th February. The whole Year 12 cohort is expected to get involved and be part of the process with the aim of securing some additional transferable skills, which can be referred to in future applications, and of course it provides a great fun evening for our Junior School children. The event is truly a win win for all parties. So far we have been very impressed with the enthusiasm shown and thank everyone for getting on board with such passion.

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [Book and Latté Menu](#)
- [Year 12 - Year Group Photo \(Code: T3H-B9W-Q7HG\)](#)
- [Year 12 - Studying tips/Product Design](#)

KEY DATES

Tuesday 7th January to Friday 17th January: Year 13 Mocks

Wednesday 22nd January: Year 13 Art and Photography Mock

Wednesday 29th January: Holocaust trip Periods 3 and 4

Friday 7th February: Criminology Parliament Trip

Thursday 6th March: Year 12 Parents Evening

Tuesday 25th March: Year 12 & 13 UCAS Discovery

Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience

Sixth Form Early Closure P5 - Yr 12&13: Monday 20th January 2025 ,
Monday 9th June 2025.

COMING UP

- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)
- Junior School Valentine's Disco - Thursday 13th February

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

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

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STUDENT NOTICES

Degree Apprenticeship Opportunity

We are in the process of arranging for an expert to visit our Sixth Form and speak with students about degree apprenticeships. If this is a route you are thinking as a possible next step, please complete the form below:
[Degree Apprenticeship - Opportunity to find out more](#)

KS5 Wider Reading Programme - deadline January 24th

A reminder to students who have engaged with the programme and are very close to achieving an award. Please ensure you read all 15 texts by the deadline.
7 students have already received an award - well done!

Bedfordshire Police Work Experience

Great news! Bedfordshire Police have their Work Experience week the same as ours! If you would like to do your work experience with the police force, please read the posters on the Google Classroom noticeboard. If you need help with your applications, please ask.

Solicitor Degree Apprenticeship

If you are interested in a solicitor degree apprenticeship with Wedlake Bell, there is a useful webinar coming up to help you with your applications etc on Wednesday 5th February 2025 4.15-6pm

EXAM INFORMATION

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

Math and English resit results are available from 09.1.2025. Please collect from Miss Schumann.