



Sixth Form Message

Teachers have been busy marking the recent mock exam papers and will be sharing the results with students during lessons. At this stage, we will be identifying any students who are underperforming and working closely with parents to develop a tailored support plan. Equally, students who are on track or exceeding their targets will also receive feedback, with opportunities to consolidate their progress and explore strategies to further improve and secure strong final grades.

As students return from work experience, please make sure they are following the Sixth Form dress code: no joggers, crop tops, or short shorts. There's been a noticeable slip in standards since the warmer weather arrived, and we want to avoid the need for stricter rules - so let's all play our part in keeping things smart and respectful.

With just two weeks remaining in the academic year, it's incredible to see how much our Sixth Form students have grown - both personally and academically. The journey really does fly by, and it's always a pleasure to witness their progress. At this stage, we begin to offer more flexibility in timetables for students who are on track to meet or exceed their target grades. These students may choose up to 10 sessions over the two-week period to be off-site, which will be recorded by form tutors at the start of the new term. Students who are not currently meeting their targets will have intervention sessions until 3.30. Please note, it is essential that all students continue to sign in and out so we are always aware of who is on site.

To help ease the transition into the new academic year, we will be having a phased return for our Sixth Form students. New Year 12 students will join us from Wednesday 3rd September, giving them time to settle in and take part in a full induction. Year 13 students will return on Monday 8th September, ready to continue their journey with us. Some Year 13 students who have been given the opportunity to retake a mock exam will be sitting these Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th September and we will be in touch shortly to let you know if this affects your child and how you can support them with revision over the holidays.

Earlier this year, we asked our Sixth Form students what makes their experience here unique. Here's what they shared: [Student voice](#)

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
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KEY DATES

Whole school Sports Day: Tuesday 15th July
Last day of term: Friday 18th July
First day of term year 12: Wednesday 3rd September
First day of term year 13: Monday 8th September
Mock exam resits: Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th September

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](#)

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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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