
7th March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

As Easter and exam season fast approach I wanted to update you on recent developments within 6th Form.

1) Contracts

We have recently introduced a new 'Contract' system to support students who are not meeting our expectations in their attendance, academic progress or conduct around the Academy. The contracts sit within the C1-C7 system outlined in student planners but with the following amendments:

C1 – Verbal warning

Subject, attendance or conduct issue highlighted by the subject teacher/6th form team.

C2/3 – Amber Contract

Specific subject, conduct or attendance targets to be achieved within a specified timeframe. Students must attend tutor time from 8.45-9am every morning in the work area. Home study revoked and bursary eligibility reviewed. Contract sent home for parental reference.

C4/5 – Red Contract

Amber contract targets not met in the given timeframe. New targets set. Students must attend tutor time from 8.45-9am every morning in the work area **and** all free periods must be completed as registered study in the work area. Bursary eligibility reviewed again. Contract sent home for parental reference.

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C6/7 – SLT Contract

Red contract targets not met. Parental meeting with Mr Brennan and another member of SLT. Final warning issued in the form of a written contract. Failure to meet this contract may result in being withdrawn from some or all qualifications or being asked to leave.

2) Be Smart Day – Thursday 8th March

The second Be Smart Day takes place this Thursday. Normal timetabled lessons are suspended for the day and students across the academy attend a range of PSHE sessions. In 6th form we will utilise this time to ensure all students are fully engaged in worthwhile activities. With A level examinations on the horizon Year 13 students will attend subject intervention sessions. Year 12 students will take part in a range of internally and externally organised careers based activities.

3) Student finance

Year 13s who are planning to go to university in September 2018 need to now apply for student finance. Applications are open and can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>. The deadline for applying is 31 May. Even if you haven't yet confirmed your place you should still apply now.

4) Year 13s not going to university

If you are planning to apply for an apprenticeship, take a gap year or enter full time employment please see me to book a careers appointment ASAP so we can advise and support this process.

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5) Apprenticeship workshop

From 9am-11am on Monday 12th March we will host an apprenticeship workshop run by Aspire Igen. Should you wish your son/daughter to be involved please do not hesitate to contact me. We already have 15 of the 30 places taken so be quick!

6) Guest speakers

We have organised a range of outside speakers and events for Year 12 students. On Friday 9th we welcome in Zarah Ross from the Parliament Education Service and on Monday 19th March we welcome in Edward Kemp from RADA. In addition, all Year 12 students will be involved in an externally organised Enterprise Day on Monday 16th April.

7) Year 12 Summer examinations

From 2nd July all Year 12 students will sit summer examinations in their A level subjects. These will be internally assessed and moderated and will take on the importance of the old AS examinations in that students must achieve a grade D or higher to continue that subject into Year 13. Results for these examinations will be available on Thursday 19th July.

8) Year 12 Work Experience

From 9th July all Year 12 students (who have not already undertaken a period of work experience this year) will be expected to undertake a week of work experience. I have stressed with students since September the need to organise a suitable placement as we can offer only limited assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this.

9) Year 13 study leave

Friday 25th May will be our second annual 'Awards and Rewards Day' with Year 13. Study leave will begin at 3pm that day. Students need only attend school for their A level examinations but will be encouraged to attend subject intervention sessions in school (more information to follow).

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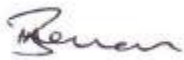
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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further 6th form issues. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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