

MONDAY 1st June – FRIDAY 5th June (ISSUE 7)

SIXTH FORM WEEKLY BULLETIN

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to reach my destination”



Welcome back to school this week after a boiling hot half term break. The weather has certainly changed to mark the start of summer term 2 in great British style!

We have started to deliver virtual online sessions to support Teaching and Learning this week. Sessions in A Level Maths, English and Science have gone very well and have been well attended. I must ask for your patience and understanding as we start to role out the virtual timetable. Please be mindful that this is far from the ‘normal’ way of working for staff and there has to be careful consideration to training, safeguarding and data protection.

I fully understand that, for some students, virtual sessions will not kick in until week 4. Therefore, for those students, work will continue to be set using Classcharts and e-mail.

The timetable will be constantly under review each day by the leadership team and providing all is well; we may decide to bring the full offer of virtual sessions (week 4) forward if we can.

We started the week with our first Year 12 and 13 assemblies, thank you for joining us. The best dancer award goes to Ellie (yr12) for her moves to ‘walking on sunshine’, which I assure you was appropriate on Monday when the sun was still with us!

Thank you to Mrs Court who delivered a virtual personal statement writing session on Wednesday of this week. The information was incredibly useful for students. Please remember all students need to complete a personal statement and email first drafts to your form tutor by Tuesday 30th June.

Finally, we are all experiencing another change to the new ‘normal’ this week. You’re doing an amazing job! Keep going, and keep smiling!

Stay alert and best wishes,

Mr A Keegan
Head of Sixth Form

GENERAL NEWS

YEAR 12 PERSONAL STATEMENT DEADLINE

EMAIL TO FORM TUTOR BY FRIDAY 26TH JUNE.

UCAS

UCAS has released helpful videos answering questions for prospective university students.

<https://www.ucas.com/connect/videos/coronavirus>

INSTAGRAM

Send us a message on how you are looking after your mental health.

@acsixthform

YEAR 12 NEWS

Mrs Court has emailed the slides from the personal statement writing session on Wednesday. Please remember that the **deadline to email your first draft to your tutor is Tuesday 30th June**.

Please see other important dates below:

- ~~w/c 11th May~~: Rob Rattray/Leeds Beckett talk
- ~~w/c 18th May~~: All students to register with UCAS and complete UCAS application (except 'statement' and 'choices' sections)
- ~~21st May~~: MMU presentation for parents, carers and students about applying to UCAS
- ~~w/c 1st June~~: Personal Statement Writing session with Mrs Court.
- **Friday 5th June**: Deadline for completed UCAS application (except 'statement' and 'choices').
- **Tuesday 30th June**: Deadline for first draft of personal statement to form tutors.
- **Tuesday 7th July**: Edge Hill virtual visit (Intro to HE talk and Workshop).

We are also arranging a live Q&A online session with Manchester Metropolitan University on **Wednesday 17th June at 7pm**. Please make your parents aware of this date for their diaries! More details to follow.

Please remember that all students must register with UCAS and complete a personal statement even if you think university is not for you at this stage.

Virtual online sessions reminders

Please remember the following when taking part in a virtual online session with your teacher:

- All communication is respectful and classroom appropriate at all times, the same behaviour expectations apply
- You must be using your school email address.
- You must be dressed appropriately, however you do not have wear business dress
- The location of your computer or device at home is appropriate
- Please do not be tempted to record any live streaming discussions
- Please keep your microphone muted unless your teachers asks you to unmute

YEAR 13 NEWS

Thank you to those students who joined the assembly on Monday. It would be great to see more of you at the next one. The next assembly has not been scheduled yet but keep checking your email for updates.

This week's focus is on 'PREPARING FOR WORK'

Login into Unifrog or use job websites like Reed.co.uk to build an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae with a Covering Letter, ready to adapt for part time job roles whilst away at university.

www.unifrog.org/

www.reed.co.uk/career-advice/cvs/cv-templates/

www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/cvs-and-cover-letters/how-to-write-a-cv

Create a LinkedIn account to build a professional profile of yourself online.

<https://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/careers-advice/five-reasons-why-every-student-should-be-linked-in>

<https://www.linkedin.com/help/linkedin/answer/112133/how-do-i-create-a-good-%20linkedin-profile-?lang=en>

Be proactive in building the skills that employers want from their future workforce. Sign up to Barclays Life Skills which provides a wealth of tools designed to help you upskill yourself.

www.barclayslifeskills.com/

www.ucas.com/careers/getting-job/what-are-employers-looking

YEAR 11 NEWS

In the final few weeks of the half term, we would have looked forward to hosting a taster day for you to come into school, experience a lesson in your chosen subjects, meet the teachers and support staff and have the opportunity to meet other students who are starting in September.

For obvious reasons, this is not possible to go ahead as planned this year. We are exploring the opportunity of moving to a virtual format.

We will make contact with you to provide more detailed information about how you can access this exciting opportunity.

STAFF FOCUS

Mr Keegan's five tips for looking after your mental health:



STUDENT FOCUS

Daniel (Year 12)

Favourite food: Sirloin Steak with chips

Favourite new hobby: using our home gym

Favourite book: Charlie Higson Young Bond series

Biggest inspiration: from a young age it has been Messi as I wanted to be a footballer

Most used app: Snapchat

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Are you a young person in crisis?

Text the YoungMinds Crisis Messenger, for free 24/7 support across the UK if you are experiencing a mental health crisis.



- If you need urgent help text YM to 85258
- All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical supervisors
- Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus

For more information please go to <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Kooth – free, safe and anonymous online support for young people:- <https://www.kooth.com/>

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