

(OCTOBER 2020)

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 the return of the Sixth Form newsletter! Coming to you half termly and now put together by our marketing enrichment students: Harry, Emily and Natasha in Year 12.

I want to start by thanking you all for approaching the start of this academic year with positivity, grit and resilience. We all continue to work together under very difficult circumstances and you have all risen to the challenge and taken it in your stride. It has been great to see all of our Sixth Form students working hard, remaining focused and learning!

Congratulations to Abbie, Alicia, Gemma and David who have all been appointed as our Year 12 Student Leaders. The student leadership team play an important role to ensure that Altrincham College is a safe, happy and welcoming environment for all. I am very much looking forward to their contributions.

Year 13 mock examinations will take place after half term. These assessments are a great opportunity to review where every student is at in terms of their learning, close gaps and will help inform our UCAS predicted grades. They provide a crucial opportunity to prepare for the examinations next summer indicating progress and priorities moving forward. Please take the time to fully prepare for these examinations.

Our Year 12 students have also completed diagnostic tests this half term in class and this will help us ensure that everyone is on the right course and we are able to support students in the transition to KS5.

As we break for the half term, can I remind students to continue to following the safety measures in place to reduce the risk of infection in our communities.

I wish you and your families a restful half term break.

Mr A Keegan
Head of Sixth Form

GENERAL NEWS

Year 11 students:

The deadline to apply to Altrincham College Sixth Form is Friday 18th December 2020. Visit our website: www.altrinchamcollege.com/sixthform for more information.

Virtual Open Evening

As we are unable to host our open evening this year we have captured the spirit of the Sixth Form in a short video: www.altrinchamcollege.com/sixthform/open-evening

INSTAGRAM



Share your tips on how you are looking after your mental health.

@acsixthform

KEY DATES

TERM DATES:

Half Term	
Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Half Term	
Monday 4 January 2021	Thursday 11 February 2021
Half Term	
Monday 22 February 2021	Wednesday 29 March 2021

UCAS APPLICATIONS:

- Deadline for the final version of personal statements (signed off by Mr Keegan): **Friday 6th November.**
- Deadline for UCAS applications to be submitted: **Friday 11th December.**
- MMU Student finance talk: **(date tbc) January 2021.**

Please continue to work on your personal statement during October half term. Once approved, you need to upload it to your UCAS application and then add your five course choices. Mrs Court will go through your choices and full application before it is sent to UCAS.

Advice for Year 13 students looking for Higher & Degree Apprenticeships

- Arrange a meeting with your Careers Adviser, Anne Parkins, to discuss your options and to get help with applications (if you haven't yet done this).
- Register and search on the government apprenticeship website.
- Look at 'Higher & Degree Apprenticeship vacancy listings' on the government apprenticeship website.
- Search for opportunities on other job websites
- Start research early: vacancies start being advertised in the autumn term!
- Develop employability skills e.g. teamwork, communication, problem solving, ICT, commercial awareness.
- Compile a CV to send to prospective employers.
- Gain relevant work experience/work shadowing experience if possible. There are some opportunities for virtual work experience.
- Be prepared! The application process may be very competitive and involve aptitude tests, group selection days, phone or online interviews before actual interview.
- Sign up our Instagram Careers account on Instagram and Facebook: [@ac.careersandenterprise](#) lots of useful information and opportunities on shared on here.

Useful Websites:

gov.uk/apply-apprenticeships
getmyfirstjob.com
apprenticeshipguide.co.uk
Allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk
notgoingtouni.com
thebigchoice.com
milkround.com
ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-the-uk
adviza.org.uk
totalpeople.co.uk
Indeed.co.uk
totaljobs.co.uk
ratemyapprenticeship.com

OPEN EVENING



As we were unable to invite prospective Year 11 students and their families to our Sixth Form open event this year, we have instead, created a film, to give a taste of what Sixth Form life is like at Altrincham College.

Year 12 marketing enrichment students enjoyed shadowing our professional cameraman, Nath, to make the film. Nath also spoke with Media and Sports students about the programmes he has worked on and revealed that his next job is filming 'I'm A Celebrity' in Wales!

Our students learnt lots of different camera techniques and had a go at filming themselves. Please visit our website to watch the film (their footage is shown in black and white).

TIPS FOR LOOKING AFTER YOUR HEALTH



5 tips to look after your physical and mental health

1. Stay active
2. Eat well
3. Connect with others
4. Limit media consumption (and choose trusted sources)
5. Try to keep to a routine and make it fun

SIXTH FORM WEBSITE

Visit the sixth form section of our website where you'll find lots of useful information!

www.altrinchamcollege.com/sixthform



STUDENT FOCUS

Nancy (Year 12)

Favourite shop: Urban Outfitters

Favourite new hobby: Netball

Favourite Series: 13 reasons why

Role Model: Ethan Payne

Most used app: Snapchat

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Are you a young person in crisis?

YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

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 is a free, safe and anonymous online support for young people: <https://www.kooth.com/>

SIXTH FORM ALUMNI



Above is a picture of Edge Hill campus, taken on a lovely sunny day. We have 4 students studying here currently.

We have heard from students including Kristen, Helen, Harry, Amina and Grace recently. Although some have had to quarantine in their university halls of residence, they are very much enjoying and embracing university life.

Amina who is studying Forensic Psychology said, *"I am absolutely loving university so far. My lectures are so interesting. They are taking place on campus and some are online. My first piece of work involved interviewing a detective!"*

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