

Dear Sixth Form and parents/carers,

Our main tutor time focus this term for Year 13 will be **supervised private study**. This is to ensure that can re set and feel motivated for the day ahead. With assessments this half term for Year 13, we will also be focusing on revision skills, even if it means revisiting the videos to explore more strategies.

Our main tutor time focus this term for Year 12 will be **Post 18 research and decisions**. Students will be researching their options before making an informed decision. They will be asked to complete a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft personal statement this half term.

Students will be looking at the following with their tutor:

- ✓ Personal statements
- ✓ Course Choices
- ✓ Entry requirements
- ✓ The Super-Curriculum
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ World of Work students (students to email Mrs Phelps-Gardiner and book in an appointment to see her)
- ✓ Not going to uni

Our other focus this term in Sixth Form will be the Dress code.

There is no uniform as such but it goes alongside the expectation on pride and community – therefore they have been asked to dress appropriately for study and for their role as a role model to lower school students. Please go through attached dress code ppt with them and please inform them that sanctions will be put in place. With the weather getting warmer, we may see attire that is deemed inappropriate and as a team, we need to be consistent on this until we revisit our dress code for next academic year.

Congratulations to the following students for the most achievement points Year 12 Selina J

Amy H Sophia J

Year 13 Sophie B

### Year 12

# Year 12 students have been watching virtual talks from Jane Marshall, to help them prepare and write their personal statements.

If you would like to re watch these with your daughter/son, please click on the following link: <a href="https://www.optimisingfutures.co.uk/">https://www.optimisingfutures.co.uk/</a>

All you need to do is hover over <u>'Videos to rent' in the Menu bar</u>, select the talk you want to watch.

Log In – <a href="https://liberationgirls.org.uk">liberationgirls.org.uk</a> and the p/w is Job done!

Why Bother Talk

How to write a Personal statement

Six Steps to an excellent Statement

I would also like to inform you that your daughter/son can find plenty of resources on SharePoint: Sixth Form study support.

### **Young Enterprise**

LockBox is this years' Young Enterprise. Their idea was to have a motivational box which helped students with their mental health. It would contain hand sanitiser, face masks motivational sayings and other useful things to help in this period of uncertainty. To fund this, LockBox have sold and will continue to sell GCSE revision guides and text books to mainly Year 9, 10 and 11. Please visit their website for further details: <u>https://lockbox.wixsite.com/lockbox</u> You can pay for the books through the website and the books will be delivered to you wiped down with antibacterial cloths

Young Enterprise entered the Regional Company of the Year award on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. There was tough competition from Nonsuch and St Phil's. There were several awards and we are pleased to announce we won Presentation of Year Award. This was because of the teams clear and precise communication. The judges were very complimentary about the team, their digital presence and logo. LockBox even got a shout out from our MP from our twitter account! They have managed to start up and run a business during the pandemic. It has been a massive achievement and I am very proud of them. We will continue to run the business until July.

### Career and HE resources



### **UK University Search**

UK University Search have just launched StudentStream, which brings together video content featuring advice, help and expert knowledge from universities and colleges across the UK.

Simply use the search tool at the top right of the homepage to find videos that are suitable for you or select the different categories to help inform, motivate or inspire you.

For more information visit: <u>https://www.studentstream.co.uk/</u>

### Edu Canada UK Undergraduate Fair: Saturday 2nd October 2021

Save the date for this year's EduCanada UK Undergraduate Fair. This event is for students, parents and anyone that wishes to meet virtually with recruitment representatives from Canadian universities and colleges, and to learn more about Canadian education options. Additional information and formal invitation to follow; registration to open in September. Format of event TBC.

For more information on colleges, institutes and polytechnics in Canada, visit the Edu Canada website: <u>https://www.educanada.ca/index.aspx?lang=eng</u>

### **KPMG 2021 Apprenticeship Programme**

Starting in Autumn 2021 a KPMG apprenticeship programme will provide those who have, or are about to, finish School or College. With the opportunity to receive training, qualifications and experience needed to thrive in the world of business and the tools to support them in their transition into the world of work.

The programme offers apprentices the opportunity to work across different industries and span areas such as Audit, Software Engineering, KPMG Law and Data & Analytics. Apprentices gain valuable work experience, develop core skills and will be supported in their study towards fully funded professional qualifications and accreditations – all whilst earning a salary.

For more information and to apply visit: <u>https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice</u>

### **Speakers for Schools**

Virtual Work Experience with the National Tourism Board – Visit Britain/Visit England

- Date: 2 4 June 2021 (10am 3pm)
- Eligibility: 16–19 year interested in learning what working in tourism could provide
- Application Deadline: 2 May 2021

For a full list of placements - sign in here to search and apply: https://www.s4snextgen.org/

### Forage

Forage is a free open access virtual platform which has been designed for students looking to obtain practical work experience through company endorsed programmes.

It takes about 30 seconds to complete the registration process and from there you can enrol onto any of the virtual experience programmes on offer.

Through your participation in a virtual experience programme, you'll undertake hypothetical tasks that very closely mirror the sort of work you'd do as an intern or a graduate employee at the organisation.

It's a unique opportunity for you to try out a career at your own pace and in your own time, from the comfort of home. Benefits include:

- Sample what real-life work can be like
- Boost your CV
- Gain critical work-ready skills
- Experience what work is like at innovative and influential companies
- Complete in the comfort of your own home at your own pace

For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.theforage.com/">https://www.theforage.com/</a>

# The Super Curriculum

Have you started to build up an amazing directory of super-curricular opportunities to boost your post 18 applications?

- Future Learn courses: <u>https://www.futurelearn.com/</u>
- Minds Underground: <u>https://www.mindsunderground.com/</u>
- Find virtual open days using the UCAS search tool at <u>www.ucas.com/open-days</u>.
- Ted Talks: <u>https://www.ted.com/talks</u> (Select a video that is related to your subject area or even for general interest. Remember to make notes and reflect on how it impacts your existing learning).

If you are considering applying to study **English literature** or creative writing at university, you might be interested in this taster session from the University of Reading: <u>https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/708431147742236942?source=Reading</u>

Those of you interested in **art, design, and production design** for film may want to consider this future learn online course from the Australian Film, Television and Radio School: <u>https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/production-design</u>

The mathematicians among you may be interested in these video lectures from MIT:

https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/mathematics/18-02-multivariable-calculus-fall-2007/video-lectures/

They are a little bit dated but the lecturer is fantastic, so worth a watch.

The R.A. Butler Politics prize is open for entries now. Run by Trinity College, Cambridge, the competition aims to encourage students with an interest in **modern politics** and world affairs to think about undertaking university studies in **Politics, International Studies** or a related discipline. It is not limited to those studying politics at A-level.

For more information, please visit: <u>https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/essay-prizes/politics/</u>

# Crash Course Subject Playlists:

- Anatomy <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/anatomy</u>
- Astronomy <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/astronomy</u>
- Scientific History 1 <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/bighistory</u>
- Scientific History 2 <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/historyofscience</u>
- Biology <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/biology</u>
- Entrepreneurship <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/businessentrepreneurship</u>
- Employability https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/businesssoftskills
- Chemistry <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/chemistry</u>
- Computer Science <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/computerscience</u>
- Geography <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/ecology</u>
- Engineering <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/engineering</u>
- European History https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/europeanhistory
- Film Studies https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/film
- Media Literacy <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/medialiteracy</u>
- Literature <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/literature</u>
- Critical Consumer of Online Information <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/navigatingdigitalinfo</u>
- Philosophy & Ethics <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/philosophy</u>
- Physics <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/physics</u>
- Psychology <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/psycholog</u> y
- Sociology <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/sociology</u>
- Statistics <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/statistics</u>
- Performing Arts <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/theaterdrama</u>
- US History <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/ushistory</u>
- World History <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/worldhistory1</u>
- World History 2 <u>https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/worldhistory2</u>

## Wellbeing and mental Health support

For anyone who feels like they are trying to juggle lots of different things, this short TED talk by Andy Puddicombe (founder of Headspace) might be of interest. Andy introduces the idea of meditation and explains the benefits of taking 10 minutes each day to step back from your thoughts: <u>https://www.ted.com/speakers/andy\_puddicombe</u>

### Place2be:

https://www.place2be.org.uk/

### NHS

Mental health services are free on the NHS. Click here to find out more about the services available to you <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/mental-health-services/how-to-access-mental-health-services/servi

### Kooth

Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people : <u>https://www.kooth.com/</u>

### **Off The Record**

https://www.talkofftherecord.org/sutton/ for a quicker turn round of mental health support.

### Mind

https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/

Time to change https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/

Youngminds

https://youngminds.org.uk/

