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Tuesday 15th October 2024

Re: Year 12: Update

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

At the end of a very busy first half term, we thought it would be useful to provide you with an important update:

Study Facilities/Learning Zone/Non-contact time

Your son/daughter's timetable includes a significant number of study/assessment periods. These compulsory periods are a crucial aspect of 6th Form life. It is critical that your son/daughter uses this time productively when in school and we have made this expectation clear. For some of these sessions, your son/daughter may not always have access to a PC, so it is important that they plan ahead and bring suitable work to complete for the duration of the session.

School Library

The School Library is available for students to use as a private, silent study space. Whilst there are a number of timetabled English and Library lessons that take place in the Library, there are substantive periods of time when it is available for your son/daughter to privately study. Students will need to sign in with the Librarian when they use the Library; additionally, please note that no food or drink is permitted in the Library.

Mobile Phones

As you are aware, our entire school site is a mobile phone/headphone free site. Recently the Department for Education (DfE) has provided strengthened guidance to schools regarding the importance of banning mobile phone use by students. Whilst we are clear on our position, we are a little more flexible with 6th Formers. I wanted to re-confirm the following:

- Your son/daughter is permitted to use their mobile phone/headphones in the following locations:
 - The 6th Form Common Room
 - Study space R16/R17
 - The Learning Zone
- If students are in a supervised study session with members of staff, then the device must only be used to support their learning – e.g. it should be on silent and not be used to make calls/watch Netflix etc
- It is important to reiterate that students are not permitted to use their mobile phone/headphones in any area of the school other than those detailed above. If a student breaches this policy, a member of staff will confiscate their phone until the end of the day and a 30-minute detention will be issued. A copy of our mobile phone policy can be found on the school website.



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Lunchtime & Social Sport

Due to limited space, students are not able to play social sport at any time after half term. During lesson time, students should be independently studying, when not in a lesson, or based in the Common Room. At lunchtime, we have to provide outdoor space to the students in Year 7-11, who do not have access to their own Common Room. As such, outside of enrichment and timetabled PE lessons, students are not permitted to take part in social sport (for example, informal games of football etc) at any time. We have a huge range of sports clubs that students can become involved in if they wish to take part in sporting activities.

Uniform

We wanted to thank all parent(s)/carer(s) for your support of the school uniform policy; Year 13 are looking exceptionally smart and are looked up to as role-models within the school. Over the past week or two, there have been a small number of students who are starting to breach our policy on a regular basis; where this is the case, we will contact you.

Launch of Work Shadowing Programme: Monday 4th November

Please note that on the first day back after half term, your son/daughter has a special assembly at 8:35am – they should therefore return to school and go immediately to the School Theatre. We will write home to you about work shadowing on 4th November.

Enrichment: Wednesday 13th November

Upon return to school, your son/daughter will have their final session in their current enrichment carousel, they will then transition to their second enrichment grouping. Starting on Wednesday 13th November to Wednesday 18th December (inclusive), your son/daughter will be completing weekly enrichment as follows:

Think like a Philosopher	12.8 12.9
Sport & PE	12.0 12.1
Mentoring/Volunteering	12.2 12.3
Future Learn	12.4 12.5
Specialist	12.6 12.7

Mrs Wilkes, our Enrichment Coordinator will communicate directly with your son/daughter regarding arrangements for their particular carousel.

Aspiring Healthcare Professionals Programme Launch: Friday 22nd November

Next month we will be launching our bespoke support programme for those students looking to enter a career in the healthcare sector (Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry etc). All students will be invited to a launch session with Queen Mary University and a letter will be sent home to the respective parent(s)/carer(s)

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Your son/daughter are part of a wonderful cohort of students and we are thoroughly enjoying working with them. Thank you for all your ongoing support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Teece
Head of Year 12

Mr R Bell
Deputy Head/Director of 6th Form