

Welcome to parents of Year 12

September 14th 2017



Purposes of the evening

- To introduce you to the Sixth Form Team
- To highlight key events in Year 12 and progression to Year 13
- To explain the school's systems for
 - academic monitoring
 - attendance monitoring
 - supporting study

- To clarify the examinations structure
- To share our views of Higher Education and employer requirements

- To renew, or to establish, our commitment to the home-school partnership

..... so that your sons and daughters achieve the best possible results ...

... with our support

- To answer informally any questions you may have

The Sixth Form Team

- Mr Hardman (Director of Sixth Form)
- Mrs Cutler (Year 12 Year Leader)
- Mrs Tupman (Welfare Support to Year 12/13)
- Mrs Bibby (Sixth Form Support Officer)

Monitoring

- We monitor students based on the students' prior attainment at GCSE.
- First Month's check – 1,2 & 3
- November data collection from subject tutors. Criteria relate to:
 - Effort
 - Meeting deadlines
 - Attainment Standard
 - Attendance

A copy of this is sent home to parents via SIMs-In Touch on 27th November

Monitoring

- 12th to 16th February Internal Assessment Week- subject tutors assess students' performance against MTG data. Results of these assessments issued to parents via SIMS InTouch on 7th March
- Written reports charting students' progress and future targets are issued 21st March.
- 21st to 25th May – Internal Examination week, results issued to students on 21st June.
- 26th June Parents' Evening.

- On-going monitoring throughout the year.
- From subject staff
- Concerns from parents
- Students' concerns
- Information from form tutors

The key to all of these issues being solved is good communication.

ID Badges

- It is a requirement for all sixth form students to wear their ID badge at all times on the site.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

ACADEMIC LESSONS AND SDD's

- We expect 100% attendance
- Our electronic registration system allows us to follow up any concerns that we may have.
- Until October half term all study periods in school (until lunchtime)
- Please phone Mrs Tupman on first day of absence as Year 11. The contact number is 01625 871811 ext 285.

MORNING REGISTRATION / ASSEMBLY

In a typical fortnight a student will attend:

- A Sixth Form Assembly
- A House Assembly
- Students will also attend every registration. Registrations enable tutors to support students over the year.

MONITORING ATTENDANCE

- Mrs Tupman looks at the attendance profile on a day to day basis. If there are concerns the student will be seen to discuss the issues.
- If there are further problems we will contact parents to discuss our concerns.

Study lessons

- New study facilities upstairs in the Sixth Form Centre
- Each student has 9 study lessons per fortnight
- Register is taken
- 3 lessons available per subject (3 a Levels)

Pastoral Support

Students emotional well being is always closely linked with good achievement

- Form Tutor
- Mrs Tupman
- Referrals to Mrs Warburton and wider counselling

What do Sixth Form students need to progress to Higher Education or employment or apprenticeships?

A) Qualifications

GCSEs

BTEC

A Levels

B) Skills from academic and extra-curricular activities (NCS etc.)

Other Qualifications

- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Career Ready programme
- MOOCs
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Changes 2016-18

- New Linear courses in all subjects. No official AS anymore. The courses run for two years, with all the examinations at the end of the second year
- BTEC Courses have been revised to include an examination element. All deadlines for submission must be met.

UCAS points 2017 onwards

A level and Advanced VCE

Official title: Advanced GCE and Advanced VCE

Grade	Tariff points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

BTEC Sport

Pearson BTEC Diploma (QCF)

Grade	Tariff points
D*D*	112
D*D	104
DD	96
DM	80
MM	64
MP	48
PP	32

BTEC Business, IT, Health & Social

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

Grade	Tariff points
D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

Why is Year 12 such a critical year for students?

- Year 12 provides the foundation for their Sixth Form qualifications.
- The main pressure points are in February and May but Year 12 students need to work hard consistently through the year.
- Students need to show the ability to pass the course by the end of Year 12 to continue into Year 13.

What do Universities and employers ask for in qualifications?

Law at Manchester University (AAA at A2)

Law at Liverpool John Moores University (112 points / BBB)

English at Leeds University (AAB to AAA)

English at Sheffield Hallam University (104-120 points/ BCC - BBB)

Mathematics at Bath University (A*AA)

Mathematics at Lancaster University (AAA-AAB)

Chemistry at Edinburgh University (AAA-ABB)

Biochemistry at Nottingham Trent University (120 points/ BBB)

What are the key skills Universities and employers want? (Enrichment)

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- ICT skills
- Adaptability
- Leadership
- Ability to communicate
- Ability to work well in a team and independently
- Ability to problem solve
- Many of these skills continue to be developed in the different subjects
- Enrichment programme offers opportunities for students to develop many of these skills.

Extra-curricular opportunities which we offer
are many and varied.

All students have had an enrichment
guide earlier this week

Contribution payment

- We will be contacting you shortly regarding a one-off contribution of £25 towards the cost of some of the activities that will run throughout the year.
 1. Work experience Health and Safety checks
 2. UCAS trip to the Manchester Exhibition centre and coach costs

Work Experience

- Final week of term in the summer (Monday 16th to Friday 20st July)
- Students need to plan early for their week's self placement.
- This gives them real opportunities to gain invaluable experience.

Forms and information letter will come out before Christmas.

Careers advice and counselling in Year 12

- Introduction to Higher Education by Mr Hardman (in February SDD – all SDD's are compulsory)
- Higher Education Convention visit (March)
- Life Beyond PHS Day (June)
- Employ - Job Opportunities Day (June)
- Individual counselling available within the Sixth Form team and from the school's careers adviser
- Higher Education Evening for Year 12 Parents in June

- Useful websites

- www.ucas.com

- <http://russellgroup.ac.uk/>

- www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/sixthform

- Follow us on Twitter: PHS_SixthForm and follow subject areas and the general school feed.

How can parents help?

- Only take holidays in school holidays.
- Continue the partnership many of you have established with the school. To the parents of our new entrants – welcome to the partnership.
- Share your concerns with us.

- Encourage your sons/daughters..
- To limit the time they spend on paid work
- To be independent learners taking responsibility for their own futures
- To become involved in activities which will impress admissions tutors and employers
- To maintain a balance between academic work and their social lives. They should spend at least 15 hours a week outside lessons on academic work).
- To be resilient in the face of difficulties.
- Avoid gaming/computer use that damages sleep patterns.

16-19 Bursary

- Applications welcome from students whose household income is less than £25,000
- A 'something for something' scheme – linked to attendance and effort.
- Applications can be downloaded from the Sixth Form area of the website. Deadline to apply Monday 25th September.

Thank You.

Any Individual questions, please come and see us at the front of the room.