



Dear Families,

I am please to be writing to you again as this Spring term draws to a close. We are delighted to see the days getting longer and warmer. We have had another productive and enjoyable Spring Term. Being somewhat shorter than previous terms means it has felt busy and gone very quickly.

We have had a very exciting week in College this week. The week began with a celebratory Easter assembly. During this assembly we recognised the efforts of students who had been nominated for recognition for their efforts in their subjects. These students were all entered for a draw and given the opportunity to win an Easter Egg. Each of these students will be receiving a commendation postcard home. Please look out for these and share the celebration of the student's efforts. Students Leaders have also had fun this week creating eggciting activities to celebrate Easter and help boost additional funds towards extras for the Year 13 Prom. The activities that student leaders have created and led on include activities such as 'Guess the number of eggs in a jar', Easter Egg Hunt and an opportunity to buy a small egg as a gift and have it given to a friend with a note. All of the student led activities help to create a positive atmosphere in College.

We have had a successful mock assessment period for Year 13 students, followed by a timely parents evening. Thank you to all parents for supporting this event and ensuring that we are able to do our jobs more effectively. Our Year 13 students now have much to think about with regards to where they can direct their attentions to their revision. We have certainly noticed a change in the focus and attention of our students as they look towards making the most of their final few weeks at College.

Over the next few weeks we will no doubt see the level of effort and work output intensified and maximised as the students make their final preparations to be ready for their formal examinations.



Student Leaders - Freya and Hamish

This half term we have been focusing on Easter, arranging easter egg hunts and fun games like how many eggs are in the jar. Next half term we hope to plan more fun activities to relieve stress before the exam rush starts. We have been busy preparing for exams by setting and planning revision timetables, which allows us to still allow time for rest, work and hobbies.

We're both extremely excited to see where the future takes us with university, apprenticeships and job placements. The future is bright with many different career paths available for us, our friends and fellow students. We're looking forward to moving around, seeing new places and meeting new people in this highly exciting time. Coming up is the prom which we're raising money and preparing for with fun and exciting additions like a possible karaoke machine and balloon arches



Year 11 Offer Morning

On Wednesday and Thursday morning of this week we invited Year 11 Applicants to our College along to the Sixth Form Social Area. Students were each issued with an offer letter to Sixth Form.. They each had the opportunity to share in breakfast together and speak with some members of staff and the current Student leadership Team. This was a really lovely event at the end of term. We hope this will give our Year 11 students an opportunity to get themselves ready for their GCSEs and consequently their next steps.

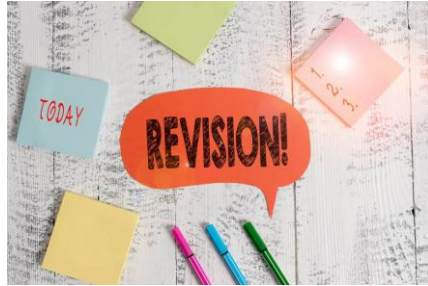




Personal Development Curriculum

Year 13

Year 13 students have, this half term, been using Personal Development time to refine their revision techniques. This has been most beneficial given the proximity to trial assessments and their upcoming exams. In addition to this, the students have spent time looking at Global Communities in their tutor group. This topic has allowed students to explore relevant global topics and look at the idea of global engagement, global businesses and global community for education.



Year 12

This half term, during Personal Development sessions, Year 12 students have been getting ready for their mock exams that will take place after Easter. As part of these preparations students have been looking at file organisations, revision timetables as well as note taking and procrastination.

In addition to this, girls have had the opportunity to take part in a girls' football session as part of the 'Let Girls Play' initiative. We saw girls of all footballing abilities and experiences, ranging from those that play professional women's football to those kicking a ball for the first time, enjoying an hour session in the spring sun on the HCCS 3G pitch. Many thanks to the Mr Turrell for running this great session.





Year 12 News and Information

UCAS Discovery Convention

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Apprenticeships

Our Year 12 students had an enjoyable and informative trip to Manchester for the annual UCAS convention. Year 12 have now started to consider their next steps after College and have had the opportunity to recognise the breadth of possibilities available to them. There were a wide range of stalls available from over 100 Universities and over a dozen Employers and Apprenticeship stands available to speak with. Students had the opportunity to attend subject tasters from a number of areas including Gaming, Nursing and Midwifery, Technology, Science and Engineering.

All of our students did extremely well both in terms of navigating their way around Manchester and to the venue independently. Students were confident and engaged well at the event. Many of the students asked insightful and helpful questions, helping them to consider seriously, ambitious and exciting next steps.

Some of our Year 12 students (Geography students) then went on to take part in Geography Field work whilst in Manchester. This made for a very full and productive day.

Students have now been invited to sign up to the new platform Unifrog. Students should ensure that they check their emails (including their junk box) in order to access this. This platform will create a useful structure to support their journey into their next steps.

Students will continue to benefit from support in this area throughout tutor time. Again, as we have said before, Emma Jackson the Careers Adviser is available to speak with each Tuesday in Sixth Form. Students can drop in or make an appointment.





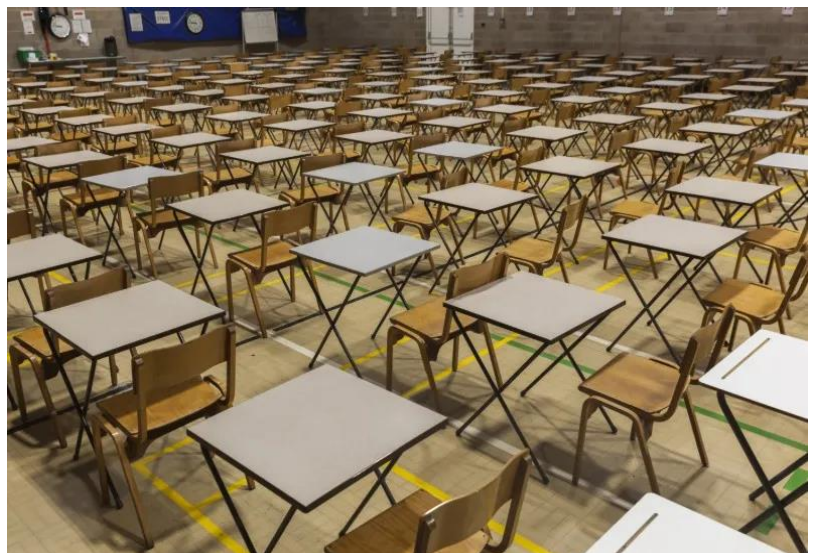
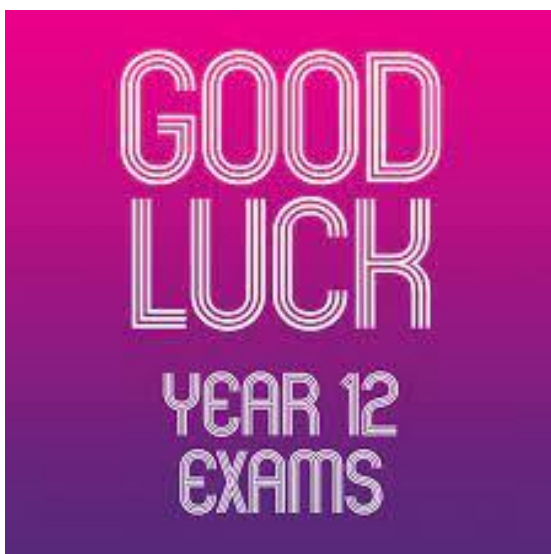
Year 12 Progress Examinations

After the Easter break Year 12 students will be taking part in their Progression Exams.. The assessments will take place on Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th of April. Timetables of these assessments have been shared with students on Bromcom. Students are expected to attend College as normal for Tutor Time and lessons on Monday 15th of April. It is important that students attend on this day as it allows students to check in with their tutors and teachers, catch up with their peers after the two week break and sets the right tone for the week ahead. Students are permitted to take study leave from Tuesday 16th onwards. They will be expected to attend for their exams only. Students are however very welcome to make use of the Sixth Form study spaces to undertake their revision throughout the week.

Details of the assessment week have been emailed home. The main points to note are that the morning assessments will begin at 9 am and the afternoon assessments will begin at 1.15 pm. Students are expected to arrive to the venue at least ten to fifteen minutes before the start time. If for any reason a student is unable to make it on please do contact and let us know so that we can reschedule their paper. Students are also expected to ensure they provide all of their own equipment and stationary.

The progression exams are very important. These provide a valuable opportunity for students to experience the challenge of an A Level style assessment. These examinations also allow us to assess the progress that is being made by students in each of their subjects. This information will then be used to help teachers to make an informed judgement for students Level 3 predicted grades for the purpose of UCAS applications. In order to continue with each subject into Year 13, students will need to pass the exam in that particular subject. Following this assessment period, guidance and support will be offered to students in response to these results.

Assessment results will be sent home the week commencing the 6th of May. Year 12 Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 16th of May. Details of this will follow nearer the time.





Year 13 News and Information

Exams and Study Leave

The atmosphere in College has certainly ramped up of late. There is a palpable increase in the productiveness of students and their work ethic and output. This is very much to be expected as we approach the formal examination period. The recent parents evening has been a great way to help support our young people towards making those final preparations.

After the Easter break students will be entering their final half term in College. This can be both an exciting and daunting time for students and families as the reality and pressure can start to take hold. Students can speak with us at any point if they are feeling overwhelmed. We, the tutors and full Sixth Form team, are available to support students at this critical time.

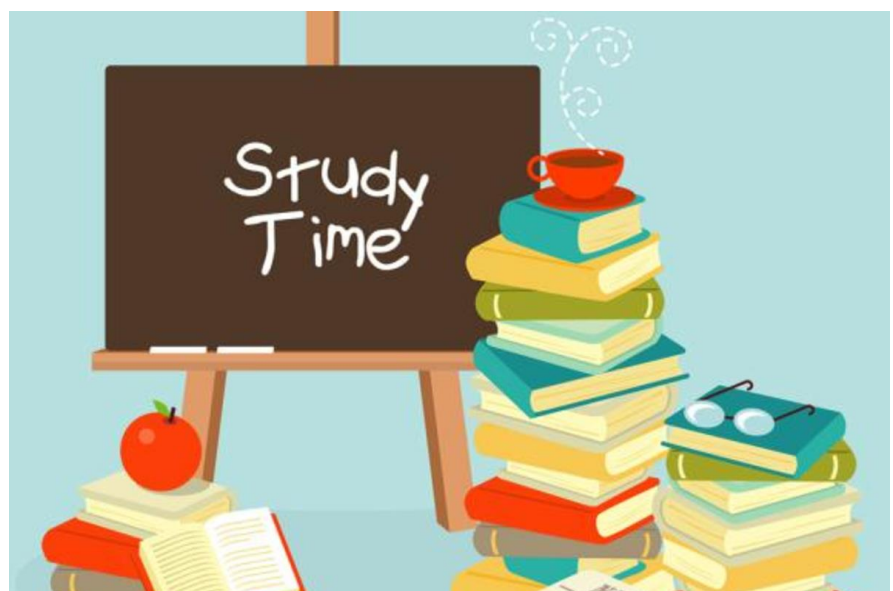
Students will be able to take Study Leave from the end of this next half term. This will be from when students break up on Friday 24th of May. From this point onwards, students are able to attend College to study but this is not compulsory. Students will be required to attend for examinations only from this point.

We are aware that many students will have several exams before the commencement of formal study leave. Students are permitted to take the half day off prior to sitting their formal exam. If students require additional time off before the study leave period they can speak with us about this. We recognise that this will be a busy and intense time for some.

During this final half term there will be a number of celebratory activities including the leavers assembly. This will provide a good opportunity for students to reflect on their time in College and to share fond memories with each other. This will be a wonderful prelude to our Formal Dinner later in the summer.

UCAS:

Don't forget, that once you have selected your Firm and Insurance choice you can then apply for Student Finance. This needs to be done on the gov.uk website and complete by mid-May. It is the responsibility of each UCAS applicant to this in a timely manner.





Student Sharepoint

We are delighted to share with you some of the positive things that our Sixth Form students have been doing outside of College.



One of our Year 13 students, Sam Lord, has completed 2 weekends of work experience as a runner on a short film called Hide, filmed on location in Peover then Liverpool. In a few weeks he will also be a runner/photographer at a Bronnie concert. This is a fantastic thing to take part in will no doubt have given Sam an incredible opportunity to gain lots of valuable experience in an interesting and stimulating field. It is great to see Sam being so proactive and going out and grabbing these amazing opportunities.



Joe, in Year 13, tells us about his participation in the Half Marathon at Wilmslow on Sunday.

'I've always wanted to run at events and races since high school but due to COVID and the fact that most events of a significant duration requires you to be 18 Years of age. This is my second time running the Wilmslow running festival, last year I took part in the 10k run and was looking forward to the half marathon once I was eligible to apply.

I've ran the Cheshire half in a time of 1:37:09 and wasn't sure id be able to best it (I had all summer to train for that and, by contrast, 3 weeks to prepare for this one).

The event took place on the 24th of March and started at 9:30. I had signed up under the HCCS school team alongside my teachers. I surprised myself being able to keep up a pace faster than my target and decided that I was going to hit a personal best.

I finished with a time of 1:32:07 and placed the 486th fastest time out of 3395 runners. Interestingly there were less than 50 people under that age of 21 running that day, I came 12th in this category.

Here is an action shot and another photo where I am not in pain :)'



General Reminders

Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you again for your continued support over the last term. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns relating to your child and the Sixth Form.

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Key Dates for Summer Term

Week Commencing 15th April: Year 12 Progress Assessments

Monday 22nd April - Monday 29th April: A Level Photography exam

Monday 6th May: May Day Bank Holiday

Week Commencing 6th May: Public Examinations Commence

Wednesday 8th May - Friday 10th of May: A Level Art Exam

Friday 10th May: Year 12 Interim Published

Thursday 16th May: Year 12 Parents Evening

Friday 24th May: Year 13 commence study leave

Friday 24th May: Last day of half term



Kindest regards,

Ms J Camm

Director of Sixth Form