



17 September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 13 Programme of Study – Autumn Half term 1

It has been such a pleasure to welcome back our Year 13 students. They have quickly settled back into the school routines and have made a purposeful start to their studies. They have been enjoying the return of the common room to socialise in during their non-contact periods. We have been fortunate enough to return to in person assemblies this term. Miss Cheshire, Mr Gibson and the Year 13 Team have been keen to remind students that they all have the potential to succeed. How they commit to their studies from now on will be the key to great results. It will be a hard year, but it will be worth it, and small sacrifices now can make all the difference in the long run.

Key dates

24 September	MES internal UCAS early entry deadline
1 October	Further and Higher Education Fair
15 October	UCAS early entry deadline
18 October	Tracking Report 1 accessible via the Parent App & Student App
13 December	Tracking Report 2 accessible via the Parent App & Student App Year 13 Progress Evening
4 January	MES internal UCAS entry deadline
w/c17 January	Prelim examinations
26 January	UCAS Equal consideration date
18 February	Tracking Report 3 accessible via the Parent App & Student App.
21 March	Prelim 2 examinations
25 May	Public examinations start

UCAS

Ongoing support for students is supplied by Mr Gomm, our UCAS coordinator, students are reminded to get their applications started as soon as possible. Key dates are in the list above.

Start U-Explore Careers Programme

Over the summer, Start launched their new, more user-friendly and informative careers platform, replacing the old version. This remains a fantastic resource to support students with making post Maiden Erlegh choices; developing their knowledge of the world of work as well as their skills. It now includes a live jobs and apprenticeship vacancies feature, to name but one change.

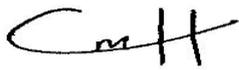
Students and parents can still access the site using their old username & password, or can create a new account. Creating an account allows access to more features, including being able to track progress and store information in the 'StartProfile'. The platform is incredibly useful in supporting parents to discuss career options with their child, so we highly recommend taking a look: <https://careers.startprofile.com/page/parents>

We will continue to set students Start assignments on Google Classroom but this year they will be set fortnightly, rather than weekly. They will also be paused in the run up to prelims (at the request of the student voice).

Start U-Explore and PSMSC Scheme of Work

An overview can be found on the page following this letter.

Yours sincerely



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Co-Heads of Year 13



Mrs L Garner

Year 13 - Start U-Explore Key:		University	Apprenticeship/ Jobs
& PSMSC SOW 2021 - 2022		Work Experience	Reflection & target setting
Week Commencing	Activity to complete	Events on the Calendar	PSMSC Programme
06-Sep		Head Teacher's Assembly. Resit Prelims (from Y12). School Photos.	Looking After You'. Session 1: Alcohol Consumption.
13-Sep	Log in to the new Start platform: https://careers.startprofile.com/page/home-page . Spend some time exploring the new website, tabs and features.	Safeguarding Assembly. 15.9.21 -Theatre Studies trip to Jekyll & Hyde. 16.9.21 - Yom Kippur.	Looking After You'. Session 1 (continued): Alcohol Consumption.
20-Sep		Anti-bulling Assembly. Platinum Programme: UCAS Clinic. 23.9.21 - Vocational focus Meeting.	Looking After You'. Session 2: Drug Use.
27-Sep	Work Experience Opportunities. Click on the 'Student View' tab, select 'Develop' from the drop down menu, then click on the 'opportunities' box. Next select the 'work experience' box. Take the opportunity to look at the 'Employer Insights & Inspiration' section - https://careers.startprofile.com/page/employer-insights - select at least 3 to look into in greater detail. Next go back and click on the 'Virtual Work Experience Programmes' - https://careers.startprofile.com/page/develop-vwex - this will provide you with numerous virtual on demand and live work experience programmes. There may be multiple that are of interest to you, and for those who are still yet to decide what they want to do it will provide you with lots of examples.	27.09.21 - Work Experience Re-launch Assembly with MR Buck. 28.9.21 - Year Council Meeting. 30.9.21 - Art trip to Saatchi Gallery. 01.10.21 - Trust Higher & Further Education Fair. 01.10.21 - Me2 Club Assembly (volunteering / mentoring opportunities).	Looking After You'. Session 3; Personal Safety (Part 1)
04-Oct		Black History Month. Dyslexia Awareness Week. Character Challenge. 07.10.21 - National Poetry Day.	Looking After You'. Session 4; Personal Safety (Part 2)
11-Oct	Take the time to reflect upon what you are good at. You will need to be able to do this for applications and interviews. Click 'Student View', 'My Profile', then 'My Strengths' from the menu on the left. Complete the 2 tasks, 'Strengths and qualities' and 'Capturing your strengths'.		Looking After You'. Session 5: Meeting someone online.
18-Oct		Revision Week. Year Group Celebrations. 18.10.21 - Tracking report accessible via Parent App & Student App. 22.10.21 - Report review and ILP target setting.	Looking After You'. Session 6: Body Piercing & Tattoos