



16 November 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Year 13 Programme of Study – Autumn Half Term 2

#### Student Voice

The student voice was really active last half term, via the Tutor Ambassadors. They shared some great ideas with us for improving their Sixth Form experience, including additional subject textbooks for the study room and creating a book exchange library corner in the common room, to mention but two. We are looking to achieve both ideas this half term.

#### Parents Evening – Monday 13 December 15:40 -18:30

This is an essential date for the diaries of parents and students alike. We would strongly encourage all to attend so you can discuss with teachers what needs to be done to support your child in achieving the best possible grades next summer.

If you require a translator to support you during parents evening, you can invite a trusted friend to translate for you by adding their email address when you set up your appointments with teachers. This will enable both you and them to join the meetings with teachers.

While we encourage all parents to attend parents' evening, we appreciate that this is not always possible. In such instances, we strongly recommend that your child still attends to receive vital guidance from their teachers. This can be set up by entering their email address when you set up appointments so students can attend without your presence. A reminder of the letter that was sent out previously regarding how and when to set up parents' evening appointments along with a link to a guide to virtual parents' evenings, can be found [HERE](#). If you are inviting a translator to the evening or your child needs to join by themselves, please share this information with them too, so they also know how to join.

#### Dates for your diary

30 Nov	Year 13 Btec prelim
13 Dec	Autumn Term 2 Tracking Report goes live to parents and students, via the Parent App and Student App
4 Jan	School internal UCAS deadline

#### UCAS update

The university application process is now in full swing with a significant number of early entries being made before Half Term (i.e., Oxford, Cambridge, and the medical courses.)

We currently have only 150 applications on the system, this compares to 200 at this point last year. Whilst we understand some students may be considering other options, for those planning to go to university in September, real action is needed **now**, so that they are not

disappointed. The school UCAS deadline is **4 January 2022** to meet the external UCAS deadline of 24th January 2022.

Any queries can be addressed to Mr Gomm on [m.gomm@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:m.gomm@maidenerleghtrust.org), there is also a dedicated UCAS google classroom page (class code:x36uwd5) to check all the guidance that has provided.

### **Work Experience**

Many of our students have now completed virtual or in person work experience and are benefiting from the work-related experience that they have gained. If your child is yet to complete their work experience, here are some useful links to help them to find work experience that is right for them:

Study Higher - <https://www.studyhigher.ac.uk/events/>

Spring Pod - <https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/>

Speakers for schools - <https://www.s4snextgen.org/>

InvestIN - [www.investin.org](http://www.investin.org)

If work experience is completed in person, we encourage students to complete 30 hours. Ideally this would be completed during a school holiday. If this is not possible, requests for absence to complete work experience need to be directed to Mr Buck, Trust Lead for Carers and Destinations on [r.buck@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:r.buck@maidenerleghtrust.org)

### **Sixth Form Dress Code**

A reminder that the sixth form dress code is a plain black, blue or grey suit, skirts should not be very short and/or made of stretchy jersey material and hoodies are **not** part of the sixth form dress code. Plain jumpers can be worn under sixth form jackets but should not replace jackets. Thank you to the vast majority of sixth formers for adhering to this dress code.

### **Start U-Explore and PSMSC Scheme of Work**

An overview for this half term can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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Co-Heads of Year 13



Mrs C Hill

<b>Year 13 - Start U-Explore Key:</b>		University	Apprenticeship/ Jobs
<b>&amp; PSMSC SOW 2021 - 2022</b>		Work Experience	Reflection & target setting
<b>Week Commencing</b>	<b>Start activity to complete</b>	<b>Events on the Calendar</b>	<b>PSMSC Programme</b>
02-Nov	Click on the 'Student Home' tab, select 'Develop' from the drop down menu, then click on the 'opportunities' box. Select the 'volunteering' box. Task 1: Read about the benefits of volunteering. Task 2: Take the opportunity to click through the links to websites that will help you to find volunteering opportunities. Remember: Future employers are always looking for what sets you apart from other applicants. Volunteering is a fantastic way to develop new transferable skills.	UK Parliament Week. Music Trip to the Royal Albert Hall.	Review of Autumn Tracking Report & ILP target setting in tutor time. Complete Year 13 ILP1 on Google Classroom, reflecting on strengths & setting SMART targets.
08-Nov		10 Nov - GCSE & A Level Music Concert. Senior Maths Challenge. 11 Nov - Armistice Day.	ILP fortnight. Each student has a 1:1 meeting with their tutor.
15-Nov	Thinking about an Apprenticeship? If you are thinking about an apprenticeship or simply do not know what you would like to do after Maiden Erlegh, spend some time looking through the wide and varied industries that offer apprenticeships, to give you some inspiration <a href="https://careers.startprofile.com/page/apprenticeships-apply">https://careers.startprofile.com/page/apprenticeships-apply</a> You will most likely need to live at home while you complete an apprenticeship. Use the HM Government website to search for apprenticeships near where you live <a href="https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprenticeships/browse-apprenticeships">https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprenticeships/browse-apprenticeships</a>	Anti-bullying week. 18 Nov - CPD day (no school for students).	ILP fortnight. Each student has a 1:1 meeting with their tutor.
22-Nov		Reflection Week.	Spiking Assembly - Mrs Garner & Mrs Hill. Exam Anxiety Assembly - Chris Doughty from JAC.
29-Nov	Start Assignments paused in the run up to Prelims		Young Carers Assembly - Miss Kelly Critical Thinking Assembly
06-Dec		Careers Week. House Assemblies. 9 Dec - Year 13 Btec Prelim	Careers Assembly - Confirming Post-18 Destinations - Delivered by our careers advisor, Anna.
13-Dec	Start Assignments paused in the run up to Prelims	13 Dec - The Autumn Term 2 – Tracking Report goes live to parents and students, via the Parent App and Student App. - Year 13 Parents' Evening. 15 Dec- Christmas Concert 7pm.	Celebration Assembly - Whole school (virtual)