



12 January 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 13 Programme of Study – Spring Half Term 1

Happy New Year. We hope that you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas break. It has been lovely to welcome the students back to school as we begin 2022.

Prelims 17-21 January

We know students are busy preparing for their prelims. A number of departments are continuing to offer revision sessions (details of which have been shared with students on google classroom). Mrs Morgan (Deputy Headteacher) has also delivered an assembly to the year group on the importance of focusing their revision and exam practice on areas that they find challenging to help improve their outcomes. Her PowerPoint has also been shared with students on google classroom.

You should also have received a letter from Mrs Morgan, detailing what to do if your child is seriously unwell and unable to attend their prelim and the processes that will need to be followed.

If you have any concerns about your child's level of anxiety relating to examinations please do let us know.

COVID self-isolation guidance

We have noticed a growing number of our students self-isolating when they do not need to. [Current government guidance](#) is that you must self-isolate if you have the symptoms of COVID or have a positive lateral flow test or PCR test. You must also self-isolate if you are asked to by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app. **If you are under 18 years old, or are fully vaccinated, you are not required to self-isolate if someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive.** Instead, the government strongly advises doing daily rapid lateral flow tests (1 a day for 7 days). We suggest these are done each morning before attending school. Students need only self-isolate if they test positive. **If someone tells you that you are a close contact, you do not need to self-isolate unless you are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service.** We felt that it was particularly important to clarify this guidance in light of the prelims next week.

Study conferences

We would like to bring to your attention that on 2 and 3 March Year 13 students will participate in a series of study conferences, which will help them with their exam preparation. Their usual timetable will be suspended for these 2 days. Students and parents will receive more information about the conferences later in this half term.

Dates for your diary for this term

17–21 January - Prelims (students attend school for their examinations only)

18 January – Business Studies BTEC Examination

7 February – Parents' apprenticeship information evening

11 February - INSET day

14 February – Prelim results accessible via Parent & Student App

18 February - Tracking Report 3 accessible via Parent & Student App

28 February - Extraordinary INSET day
21-25 March - Prelims

UCAS update

The majority of the students have now submitted their applications via us to UCAS and are receiving offers. Mr Gomm will be explaining "What happens next" in an assembly on Friday 14 January and will also tell the students about what they need to consider when selecting accommodation at university. This assembly will be recorded and the presentation made available for the students to refer to. The Equal Consideration date for UCAS applications is 26 January but students can still make applications after that date, but they need to be aware that there may not be spaces on all courses. For any students who are called to interview Mr Gomm is happy to discuss this with the students and help them with their preparation. For any other questions please email Mr Gomm:- m.gomm@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Reading for pleasure

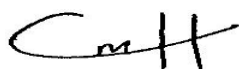
The Tutor Ambassadors shared some great ideas with us for improving their Sixth Form experience and requested a book corner in the common room so that they could share books for pleasure. This is now in place. If you have any books you would like to donate please send these into us. Thank you!

Start U-Explore and PSMSC Scheme of Work:

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

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Hill
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 Commenting	Start activity to complete	Events on the Calendar	PSMSC Programme
03-Jan	Start Assignments paused in the run up to Prelims	5.2.22 - Prelim Revision assembly led by Mrs Morgan, Deputy Head Teacher	7.1.22 - Prelim contingency plan and mal practice assembly led by Mrs Morgan, Deputy Head Teacher
10-Jan			14.1.22 - UCAS assembly led by Mr Gomm, UCAS Co-ordinator - Accepting offers & university accommodation
17-Jan	Start Assignments paused due to Prelims	17-21 Jan - Prelims. Students in school for examinations only.	No tutor session due to prelims
24-Jan			Young Carers assembly led by Miss Kelly, & Critical thinking Assembly lead by Miss Roberts (Assistant Head for English).
31-Jan	Start: 'Skills Builder - Think about your skills'. https://careers.startprofile.com/page/skillsbuilder Click on the: 'Listening', 'Speaking', 'Problem Solving', 'Creativity', tabs on the left hand side. Read the information and watch the useful clips. Then reflect on your own skills in each area by completing the 'What level are you?' task at the bottom of each section.	1.2.22 - Trust Employment Fair	Looking After You'. Session 3; Personal Safety (Part 1)
07-Feb		11.2.22 - CPD Day - No school.	CPD Day
14-Feb	Skills Builder - Think about your skills'. https://careers.startprofile.com/page/skillsbuilder Click on the: 'Staying Positive', 'Aiming High', 'Leadership', 'Teamwork', tabs on the left hand side. Read the information and watch the useful clips. Then reflect on your own skills in each area by completing the 'What level are you?' task at the bottom of each section.	14.2.22 - Prelim Results accessible via Parent App. 18.2.22 - Tracking Report 3 accessible via Parent App.	Looking After You'. Session 4; Personal Safety (Part 2)