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Dear Parent/Guardian

# Year 12 Newsletter Spring Term

# Year 12 Programme of Study

This half term we have turned our attention towards helping students to prepare for their Prelim Examinations (9-10 May). We have been very impressed with how the students have prepared for the Prelims and the time and efforts that they have put into their revision outside of lesson time. Results will be available for parents to view on Monday 13 June.

# Supervised Study

Supervised study remains an important part of the Sixth Form programme of study. It is an opportunity for students to consolidate their understanding of what they have learnt in class. It is not intended as an opportunity to simply complete homework. We encourage a respectful, library like, environment so that all students may focus without distraction.

As we encourage our Sixth Form students to become independent learners, they should be using this time to:

- complete wider reading
- use their PLCs (Personal Learning Checklists) to identify their strength and any gaps in their knowledge.
- complete additional tasks that their teachers have indicated should be completed during their directed time.
- consolidate learning through creating revision resources
- complete practice exam questions
- complete improvement work set by their teachers

# Medical Appointments & Illness

We are very impressed by the attendance and punctuality of the vast majority of our students. One area which requires a little improvement, however, is with regards to appointments and illness while in school. We have been reminding students that if they have an appointment during the school day, that causes them to miss a lesson or supervised study, they must sign out at the attendance office. Sixth Form students can show the Attendance Officer email confirmation of their appointment if they have it, alternatively please can you notify attendance in advance, in order to authorise their absence for a specific reason. If a student needs to go home because they are feeling ill, they must first go to reception to seek a first aider, who will then assess their needs and authorise their absence if they deem your child unfit to remain in school. For safeguarding reasons, it is incredibly important that students do not just sign themselves out and go home if they are feeling unwell. We have a duty of care to ensure that they are safe to return home unaccompanied.

# UCAS Update

This term sees the start of the UCAS process for all the students. They were encouraged to register on the UCAS Hub during the Easter break and to consider booking into open days for later this term as far as possible open days should be booked on Saturdays. Students are allowed two open day visits during term time. There will be two UCAS sessions before the half term break with Mr Gomm, one for potential Medics and Vets and then a full assembly explaining the whole application process. We will also be hosting a session for potential Medics to meet a junior doctor and pointing students to other sources of support. All assemblies are recorded and then made available to the students afterwards. Information is posted regularly on the appropriate Google

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Classroom page and so please encourage the students to regularly look for updates. There will be a virtual parents information evening regarding the UCAS process on Thursday 16 June 7.00pm, further information about this event will be sent nearer the time. If you have any questions before this meeting concerning the application process, please contact Mr Gomm m.gomm@maidenerleghtrust.org

### **Careers and Post Maiden Erlegh Destinations**

#### **Careers Assemblies:**

The next Careers Assembly to be held is on Friday 13 May, which will examine the world of work and recruitment processes for different pathways.

#### Google Classroom – 'Skill / Job of the Week', opportunities and top tips

Each week, there is a focus on a 'Skill (or) Job of the Week' via Google Classroom. Students are encouraged to keep an eye on Google Classroom to ensure they do not miss out on any opportunities.

### Careers Drop In – After School every Tuesday (3-4pm)

Students are encouraged to pop in to our 'Careers Drop In' on a Tuesday after school. Students can ask questions, complete careers and personality quizzes, explore prospectuses and websites regarding future pathways.

### **One-to-one Careers Appointments**

One-to-one careers appointments for Year 13 students are taking place during the summer term and appointments will continue during the autumn term of Year 13 to ensure every student who would like an appointment can do so.

On 24 June, all Year 12 students will be taking part in the Future Pathways Day to help them work towards their post Maiden Erlegh goals. More details will follow about this event in a separate letter.

#### PSMSC Programme

This half term, and moving into next term, the pastoral programme for Year 12 focuses on the theme of 'Relationships'. This unit of study covers topics such as healthy and unhealthy relationships, consent, respect, sexual assault, and accessing support.

### **Student Leaders and Student Ambassadors**

Students have been given the opportunity to apply for the roles in the Sixth Form Senior Team. We are looking to appoint two Student Leaders, Deputy Student Leaders, as well as Wellbeing, Enrichment, and Equalities Ambassadors. Information regarding the application process and deadlines have been shared with students in assembly and can also be found on the Google Classroom page. This cohort of students have shown themselves to be conscientious, focused, and consistently display a positive attitude towards their studies, as well as a willingness to contribute to wider school opportunities. Therefore, we are in no doubt that we will receive high quality application from students, and it will be a closely contested application and interview process. We look forward to receiving applications from the students.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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