



8 February 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 12 Programme of Study – Spring Half Term 1

We have been thoroughly impressed by the way that Year 12 students have settled into Sixth Form life since September. Many teachers regularly comment on how impressed they are with the focused and positive attitude of students. They conduct themselves appropriately around school and most help us to maintain our high expectations of Sixth Form dress code, which includes the wearing of a blazer. They are excellent role models to our lower school students and we thank them for their effort and the examples they are setting.

Tutor Ambassadors & the Student Voice

A number of students applied for, and have been appointed to, the role of Tutor Ambassador. This is an important role, acting as the student voice for their peers. They have been extremely active, meeting with us regularly to discuss various aspects of school life and the changes that they would like to see implemented. Most recently, the student voice has raised that they would like more opportunities to get involved in Sixth Form sports. The Tutor Ambassadors have been incredibly proactive in sharing their ideas and coming up with practical solutions.

Community Service

We are delighted to share that 98% of Year 12 students are signed up to our community service programme, supporting others from within the school community, or wider community, for a minimum of 1 hour per week. Community service within school includes supporting teachers and students in lessons, assisting in the running of after school clubs, mentoring younger students, and supporting with the reading programme, to name but a few opportunities. The help that students provide is invaluable. Younger students enjoy their support and rightly view them as role models. Completing community service enables Year 12 students to develop new skills and gain experience in working with others. This is something that will help to set them apart when applying to UCAS, or for apprenticeship and employment. We are proud of the hard work that is going in to community service and we thank students for all that they are doing to support our school community.

Personal Development Lessons

Last half term students completed the topic, 'Personal Health, Wellbeing and Safety', which covered:

- Mental health
- Body enhancement & modification
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Travel
- Extremism

This half term students are completing the topic 'Careers', which covers:

- Unifrog – a careers-based platform with an abundance of resources designed to help students make informed decisions about their Post 18 choices. To find out more about Unifrog, please follow this link [here](#).
- The global market place
- Apprenticeships
- Universities
- Employment
- Gap year

Careers & Destinations

Year 12 students are encouraged to attend the after school 'Careers Drop-in' on a Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm with questions, burning queries, or just to chat their ideas through. During the spring and summer terms, we will be inviting students who would like a careers interview to attend an appointment. Further information will be provided in due course.

National Apprenticeship Week 2023 #NAW2023

We are excited to be taking part in #NAW2023 where we will be sharing information, encouraging students to attend webinars led by high profile companies offering apprenticeships, and sharing stories of apprentices' experiences. Please do encourage your child to take part. You are also welcome to sign up to webinars.

On Tuesday 21 March 2023 we will be hosting a virtual Trust Apprenticeships Evening for parents and guardians. A letter was emailed to all, and can be viewed [here](#).

Work experience

Well done to those students who have managed to secure work experience already. All students are expected to gain 30 hours of unpaid work experience alongside their course, which should ideally be related to their intended area of further study or career. This is a national requirement and will be expected by employers and universities alike. If your child has any questions about work experience or requires any support with finding work experience they should see Mr Bell, whose office is at the rear of the common room.

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. 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.
- complete practice questions or exam papers
- work on the targets they are set by their teachers

Y12 DCP2 (Data Collection Point) Report

This report will be accessible to parents, guardians and students via the My Child At School App and Student Portal App respectively, on Monday 20 February 2023. If you or your child have difficulty accessing these apps, or require any support with the apps, please email: mesmcas@maidenerleghtrust.org

Year 12 Examinations

The Year 12 prelims take place from Tuesday 2 May to Friday 5 May 2023.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: MESyear12@maidenerleghtrust.org

Yours sincerely



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