

Dear Year 12 Families,

At this time of year, in more usual circumstances, the term would end with an assembly when, as a Sixth Form, we would reflect on the past year and celebrate achievement. Whilst it is disappointing that we are unable to wish Year 12 well for the Summer in the usual way, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate students on their hard work and resilience over the past few months and wish them all a wonderful, restful break.

Covid19, and the resulting school closure, cut the Spring Term short just as students were beginning to find their feet in the Sixth Form. As a result, in a very short time, they were compelled to acquire a new set of skills and adjust to a completely new way of learning. This is unprecedented but Year 12 have risen to the challenge with remarkable equanimity and resilience. Subject teachers have been markedly impressed by students' commitment to their studies and how well they have adapted to the 'new normal'. In trying times, home life and school life have merged and Year 12 have coped brilliantly. The weekly telephone conversations with students during Lockdown have impressed upon teachers how self-motivated and determined they are to keep learning.

All being well, the start of Year 13 will see a welcome return to some more 'normal' circumstances, however, we know that school life has changed a great deal and students should ensure that they are ready for 'the new normal'. Year 12 need to be fully prepared for learning when they return to school and ensure that they have all of their own equipment and the text books that they need for their subjects (list attached). It is essential that students purchase the text books and set texts for their courses as teachers will not be able to lend and share these resources as they might have done in the past. I hope that, by including this now, this allows you the time to spread the cost of these. Should students apply for and be awarded a bursary, the cost of these will be reimbursed in September. If this is the case, all receipts and invoices must be kept and handed in to Ms Liste in September.

I am confident most of Year 12 have already thought about what they need to do over the summer to stay on course with their learning but it is important that they use this time to ensure that they are up to date with all assignments and work that has been set by their teachers. It would also be beneficial for students to continue working through their Preparation for Higher Education booklet, researching universities, courses and apprenticeships and completing their personal statements.

Finally, I wish you and your families a happy and restful holiday. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing Year 12 on Monday 7th September.

Yours sincerely,

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