

17 May 2011

Dear Year 12 Parents

I am writing with some reminders and updates for Year 12 in the second half of this term.

Normal teaching and end of study leave after Half Term

On Monday 6 June there are the final AS examinations, involving just over half the year group. All students not involved in these examinations should attend school from 8.30am as normal: there will be an introductory talk and the rest of the day will be used for UCAS research and preparation, with tutors available. This will be repeated for those sitting examinations.

Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 June will be compulsory and formal taught sessions for everyone on the **Extended Project**, led by Mrs Reid, the EPQ Coordinator.

Teaching of the continuation **A2 courses** begins in earnest on Thursday 9 June and continues to the end of term. Students must continue to attend lessons in **all** their four A Level subjects, even if they plan to drop a subject once results are known (this is essential as insurance in case their plans change)

UCAS applications for 2012 and university Open Days

Following on from the university visit last term, students have been given briefings on how the university application system works. The Sixth Form tutor team are giving their usual close support and guidance as students do their research and preparation.

On **Thursday 16 June**, the entire year group will attend the **Merseyside Higher Education Conference** at Liverpool University. This day will provide an excellent opportunity for them to gather a great deal of information about the options for them in Higher Education. Most universities attend the event with an information stand and there will be over 40 subject talks: the day provides a useful boost to the search for suitable courses and institutions. Further details can be found at: <http://new.connexionslive.com/SchoolsAndColleges/Default/MerseysideHigherEducation.aspx> Students should make their own way to and from the venue, and should **register with their tutor at 09.00** at the foot of the steps of the Metropolitan Cathedral, outside the café, and then again at **13.00**, the start of the afternoon session.

At **18.00** on the same day, all parents are invited to a **presentation on how the university application system (UCAS) works**, and the sequence of events from now until Summer 2012, in the **Dining Hall**. This is to ensure that you are as well-

informed as your son or daughter about what's involved! A reply slip is attached. In the meantime, you might like to consult the UCAS parents' page: <http://wwwucas.ac.uk/parents/>, and you have a copy of the UCAS parents Guide I sent to you last term.

Thereafter, students are encouraged to attend Open Days at the universities **to which they intend to apply** (5 choices are available), but to **make these visits on Saturdays and during the long summer holiday**, since taking time out of the busy school week is inadvisable. A calendar of Open Days can be consulted at: <http://www.opendays.com/>. Note that it is normally necessary to book online onto an Open Day.

AS results

AS results are published on the morning of **Thursday 18 August** and are collected from **9.30am** in School, where again the teachers will be on hand for advice if needed.

May I wish your son or daughter the best of luck for the examination period, and I look forward to seeing you at the UCAS parents' meeting.

Yours sincerely

H. E. Lock
Head of Sixth Form

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UCAS Events reply slip, Thursday 16 June, Liv. Uni. & Dining Hall

Pupil Name Tutor Group.....

I **give / do not give*** permission for my son/daughter to attend the Merseyside HE Conference at Liverpool University.

I confirm that I **will /will not*** be attending the evening Year 12 Parents' Presentation on University Entry in the College Dining Hall at 18.00

Signed (parent/guardian)..... Date.....

*delete as applicable

Please return by Friday 27 May