

Year 12 Newsletter. April 2013

Dear All,

This is an important term for all of our students, the exams are coming up in May and there are several UCAS related events planned for June which we would like to inform you about.

- There will be a year 12 assembly at 1.25pm in the Assembly Room on Thursday 2nd May, all must attend.
- Study leave begins on Monday 13th May and ends on Friday 14th June. They are back in school on Monday 17th June. It is vital that they are back in school from 17th June as this is the start to their A2 courses.
- Can we please draw your attention to the statement below taken from our progression policy which clearly indicates that progression into year 13 is not automatic

Progression from Year 12 to 13

- a In order to progress from Year 12 to Year 13 a student must have a viable A2 programme consisting of three courses.*
- b No student may progress onto an A2 course if they have not reached pass standard at A/S level.*
- c The minimum expectation is that a student will obtain D D E in their A/S level courses. Any student holding an E will be expected to have a resit strategy to improve their performance.*
- d If a student falls below this threshold they will be interviewed by the Head of Sixth Form and the Key Stage Manager. During the interview the student's performance will be reviewed, including their work ethic, attendance and completion of CAS 24, before a decision is taken.*
- After AS level exams finish and before coming back to school, we are encouraging students to arrange work experience and research their university courses. Mrs Tanton-Smith is available to help and give advice if your son/ daughter would like some guidance with this.
- Students can come into school to study during study leave if they wish; there will be rooms available in Hinchingsbrooke House for this. Staff may also continue to put on revision lessons during this time which students will be encouraged to attend.
- All students will be receiving an individual exam timetable within the next couple of weeks, they must collect these from their tutor as soon as they are told to do so. They must check all the details and report any errors to the exams officer ASAP.
- It is important that exam rules are followed.

Please note that malpractice includes:

Talking once inside the exam room

Mobile phone activation – students don't have to pick it up and it doesn't have to be an actual call to get a void paper – can even be an alarm bleep

No writing on hands/arms etc

No notes

Other things to note:

Have all equipment: Black pens, pencils, clear pencil cases – no calculator lids and labels off water bottles
Uniform must be worn, if a student is wearing jeans for instance, they will not be allowed to sit the exam.
Students must be present 20 mins before the start time of the exam.

The exam timetable can be found on our website:

<http://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/page/?title=Exam+Timetables+2013&pid=362>

- Half term is Monday 27th to Friday 31st May.
- The Cambridge UCAS Convention is on Wednesday 19th June at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU). We will be taking 2 coaches, leaving school at 9.15am returning to school at 1pm. I will send out a permission letter shortly and places will be on a first come first served basis. The trip will be free to students. Please click on the link for details on how to prepare for the convention <http://www.ucas.com/ucascard/tips/march>
- On Tuesday 2nd July, there will be a 'Drive to Arrive' morning run by the fire service, which will teach students about driving hazards and safety. It is an excellent event, which we value as a very worthwhile activity. All students must attend.
- There is a 'Future Pathways' conference organised for Tuesday 3rd July at HRC, we will send information out to students about that when we get it. We would urge any students uncertain about going to university to attend it.
- Thursday 4th July is a compulsory RE conference periods 1-4.
- There are training days on Friday 5th July and Monday 8th July
- The Sixth Form Summer Ball is on Friday 5th July. Tickets will be on sale shortly for £25. It is a very special evening which both year 12 and 13 attend, so we hope to see as many students there as possible.
- The parents UCAS Information Evening which will give advice on the whole university application process and the financial implications of going to university is on Monday 15th July, 7pm – 8pm in the PAC. A further letter will be sent out closer to the date with more information.
- The last day of term is Tuesday 23rd July.
- A Level results day is Thursday 15th August. Further information about this day will be sent out later this term.

We hope that you find these updates useful. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.