

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Students

We hope you are all keeping well. Yesterday parents/carers and current Year 12 students were sent a separate letter containing important information regarding the Year 12 Timetable which commences on Monday 1 June. This is in line with the latest government guidelines. Year 11 students moving to Year 12 have also been sent an update containing a link to the Teams folder which they are all members, contact details of current Year 12 subject representatives and information on the upcoming Virtual Transition day which takes place on 7 July.

Year 12 Next Steps

As we have been saying during Virtual AM, your planning, and our support for life after A levels continues. Over the next few weeks there will be some online or recorded sessions to help you with the process of decision making. We also need to know your current thinking around next steps after Year 13. This is for a couple of reasons: firstly so that we can plan the sessions to best meet your needs and secondly so that your teachers can begin the reference writing process. Each of your teachers will write a subject reference about your ability, work ethic, strengths etc, then one teacher will combine this with other information about you, for example your support for school events and extra-curricular involvement. We pride ourselves on these references and helping you get where you want to go so we tailor them to the subject or job role. In order for us to complete this task we have devised a short questionnaire '[Year 12 Next Steps](#)'. This will only take a few minutes to complete and should be **submitted by 4pm on Tuesday 19 May**. Responses will be shared with your teachers. You may not be thinking about 5 universities at this stage so if you only have 2 universities in mind then just write these down or if you are unsure between university and apprenticeships – just say. If you are really unsure about what direction you want to go in we can arrange further support.

Year 13 Money Coming in

The last major bulletin article for you focused on Interviews with a view to you perhaps finding work now or in the future. Many students supplement their income with a part time job during term time (if your course format allows) or during the holidays. Hopefully most of you will now have applied for student finance. If not please do so as soon as possible. You can make changes to the university you are going to, update contact details etc. later if need be. Before we move onto what you might have to spend out, the two quizzes [here](#) will just ensure that you know about what you are signing up for. For example: Do you know how many weeks the maintenance loan is supposed to last? Do you now when it will actually arrive in your bank account? Do you know how much you will have per week to live on? Please take the time to go through them and let me know if there is anything you are still not sure about. Student finance England (or Wales) are very responsive to enquiries so if you are not sure give them a call.

Today, we have a very special message for you all: <https://youtu.be/xir5llPd-VQ>

If you have any questions regarding Bulletin items, please contact Mrs Haycock, haycock.j@mmat.co.uk

For the attached letters please contact Mrs Jones, jones.m@mmat.co.uk

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REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 13 Key Date

It has been lovely to hear from and speak to more of you this week as you make final decisions. The key date for you right now is that **student finance closes on 29 May**. Please ensure you don't miss this deadline. Make sure you know the deadline for your university accommodation application. You do not want to miss out on your preferred choice of where to live next year!

Year 13 2020 Leavers Hoodies

Please click on the link to select colour and size of Hoodie [Ram Leisure](#) before completing your details on the order form here: [Hoodies](#)



Wellbeing support

CAMHS Resources contains a collection of downloadable self-help guides relating to wellbeing that you may find useful – click [here](#). Some of the downloadable PDF's are aimed at adults but ideas and suggestions in them can still be relevant for both young people and parents.



YEAR 13 FINANCE



Bank Accounts

Most of you will already have bank accounts BUT do consider a student friendly one. You cannot actually apply until your place has been confirmed on results day but in the next few months the major banks will be deciding on their offering. The offers usually focus around free gifts for e.g. Spotify or similar subscription, travel cards or preferential over draft terms. You will need to think which of these might be more valuable to you. Martin Lewis's Money Saving Expert website has lots of information for students about money. Look at what he said about last year's student accounts here: [Student Bank Accounts](#). Although you cannot open an account now this will help you to find out what paperwork you will need for when you finally get to open that student account.

CAREERS

Mrs Murphy, Careers Adviser, will be available for remote career guidance during the school closure should you have any career or work experience related questions or concerns. She will be sending out useful articles and will be in touch with colleges and sixth forms to keep abreast of developments relating to admissions for Year 11 students.

Mrs Murphy can be contacted by email at: murphy.m@mmat.co.uk



EXTERNAL UNIVERSITY LINKS

What are my options:

[UCAS Further Education](#)
[Further Education Skills](#)
[Apprenticeships](#)

What and where to study:

[Open Days Virtual Tours](#)

Student Finance:

[Student Finance England](#)
[Student Finance Wales](#)

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#).
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Sixth Form](#).
- [Term Dates](#).



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