

## Dear Students

It is going to be a busy term for you all, with Year 11 getting ready to step up to A level, for Year 12 your online lessons are set to ramp up considerably and for Year 13 I am sure you are busy with sorting accommodation, wider reading and the logistics of next year, whatever your plans are. We will continue to be here to help you whatever stage you are at. Thank you for your efforts, you have really stepped up at the strangest of times and adapted to this new normal. We are incredibly proud of you all. Year 13 the speed with which you updated the mural in the common room with so little notice is impressive and made me smile when I saw it last week. Have a lovely half term, we will be in touch on 5 June and Year 12 we will see you on 1 June at virtual AM for our daily catch up.

Mr D O'Toole  
Headteacher



## Year 11 Virtual Induction

The date has now been set for Year 11s Virtual Induction day which will take place on Tuesday 7 July. All subjects will be offering a live lesson on Microsoft Teams, you will receive invitations to the subjects that you have chosen much nearer the time. There will be opportunities to 'meet' the tutor team, learn more about the enrichment opportunities available in Sixth Form and to ask questions. Our soon to be appointed senior student team will also be on hand to tell you more about Sixth Form life and their plans for the next year. The day will start at 8.45am ending at 3.30pm with gaps for breaks and where you have not taken a subject from a particular option block. We hope you are fully engaging with the materials that the teachers have set and that you are enjoying a glimpse of Sixth Form life.

## Year 12 Key dates

- Tuesday 2 June Forum 2pm – How to log on to UCAS and complete the basic details. You will then be asked to go and do this so we can begin the check off procedure.
- Tuesday 9 June Forum 2pm – Producing first draft personal statements.
- Monday 15 June – Deadline for first draft personal statements
- Tuesday 16 June Forum 2pm – Researching universities.

Anyone **who is definitely not applying to university** should contact Mrs Haycock to discuss what they can do instead of these sessions. If there is ANY chance that you might go, you must attend and keep to these deadlines.

## Year 13 Spotlight on accommodation

In terms of steps to preparing for university, finding the right accommodation is often really important. Look out for your communication from "FIRM" choice universities who may be asking you to look at options and decide. It is usually better to do this early if you want to get the best choices. Allocation is done differently by different universities. At some point between now and when you go to university, they will tell you what you have been allocated and often give you the chance to make links with others in the same accommodation through Facebook etc. We have sent you a separate communication with ten top tips to assist you in your decision making process in terms of accommodation.

Once again we wish you all a lovely Bank Holiday and a restful week, in which the weather looks to be promising!

Mrs Jones Head of Sixth Form  
& The Sixth Form Team



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Year 12 Next Steps Questionnaire

Thank you for completing the Next Steps questionnaire. This has built a picture for staff to start the reference writing process. For those few of you that missed the deadline, please complete this questionnaire here: [Year 12 Next Steps Questionnaire](#)

Don't forget if you don't know the answer at this time, try to indicate as best you can.

### 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 12 - Hay Festival Digital 18 – 31 May 2020



HAY FESTIVAL

It is important for students to engage in experiences beyond Sixth Form Curriculum to help make your personal statements and applications as impressive as possible (this also applies to Year 13 as applications may well be ongoing).

The Hay Festival features free live broadcasts and interactive events from more than 100 award-winning writers, global policy makers, historians, pioneers and innovators, celebrating the best new fiction and non-fiction, and interrogating some of the biggest issues of our time. Attending the broadcasts and events is **free** and we will send you a list giving you a day by day summary of what is happening and which subjects best link to help you find the ones that are most relevant to you. You can sign up to each event by following the link and registering with your school email account. There is a guide to doing so [here](#).

It might be fun to get a few of you to do the same event as you can discuss it afterwards.

## 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](mailto: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](#)  
University College Oxford:  
Super Curricular Activities  
[Explore Your Subject](#)

## WEBSITE QUICK LINKS



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



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