

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Year 11

Details of the timetable for the virtual 'Induction Day' have been attached as a separate document. Just a reminder that it is all taking place on Microsoft Teams on 7 July. You should all be able to log in to Teams and be accessing the information for transition work from there too. A few days before the Induction day you will be able to go to calendar and see the meetings you have been assigned to (according to your options). As staff we are used to working on Teams, but we recognise that you may have had little or no experience of this, so we have also included some FAQs, if unsure please ask. The Marketing team have been busy updating our Sixth Form pages on the school website where you will find key information including the [16-19 Bursary Application Form](#). If you are not sure about applying for Bursary, do so anyway. Applications will remain confidential and students will be notified if they are eligible or not. Year 12 students should reapply for the academic year 2020/21. Applications should be marked for the attention of Mrs Winstone: Winstone.g@mmat.co.uk.

Year 12

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to review our progress so far during lockdown. We are continuing to deliver the Year 12 curriculum in full at SJT via 'live' lessons. The effort and attendance of Year 12 both online and in their independent work is to be commended. Some students have made exceptional progress during this period, dedicating more time to their studies than they usually might. As parents we do ask you to support us in ensuring that attendance is 100% in these lessons as well as at AM registration where we pass on notices and share information. Most students log in everyday, however, there are some students who need to take this on board and join this daily meeting at 9am. This week I spoke to students about our purpose in doing this, we are determined that they get the best possible experience at this challenging time. During online sessions we do expect the students to engage with the dialogue and to complete any follow up work in between lessons. To this end there will be assessment in every subject this term. This will take different forms depending on if a subject is practical, exam based, if there is a coursework element or if indeed external exams have already taken place. These assessments should be treated like any other exam. In some cases, this means that the online session is extended to accommodate a full paper. The work is to be done in the spirit of any exam and submitted exactly as staff request. They will take place between 29 June and 10 July. (Be aware that in some practical subjects this is ongoing). As soon as we can in Year 13, we will assess in a more traditional way, but I feel very confident in the integrity of the assessment that we are conducting and in the data that this will give us. If you have any questions at all about the delivery of lessons or the up and coming assessments, please email me directly: Jones.j@mmat.co.uk. Currently we have also started asking Year 12 to consider next steps, to draft personal statements and to visit virtual open days. For students who are looking at other pathways, we are also working with our careers adviser and asking them to attend other online events. I have included a **Zoom link for an apprenticeships Webinar on 23 June in the Next Steps section below**. Please do talk to the students at home about 'future plans' to support the work we are doing.

Year 13

Final deadline for making choices is now fast approaching - Thursday 18 June, do not lose your place! If you want to talk it over with any of us, please get in touch. For those that have decided, do you know yet what your University's plans are? Keep an eye on emails and websites. You may be being asked to make decisions about accommodation etc., particularly where you are taking up an Unconditional offer. Below is some of the collated information about what is being planned. <https://www.studentcrowd.com/article/university-responses-to-covid-19>

We are starting to think about what **Results Day 2020** will look like. Very different from the tradition but we to make it as positive and supportive as possible. Information is coming from exam boards slowly and of course we need to be aware of the government guidance nearer the time. Keep an eye on these bulletins to stay up to date with the latest information. Rest assured that we will be available to help whatever the questions you may have. **'Save the Date' Thursday 13 August.**

Mrs Jones Head of Sixth Form
& The Sixth Form Team



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 11 Photographs

Due to Covid-19, like many businesses, Tempest Photography closed its doors temporarily. The Fun Friendship Group photo's have been received; however, the Year Group photos are yet to be processed. We are still hoping these will be received and ready for distribution along with Hoodies which will take place on results day in August. Thank you for your patience.

SFS Virtual Talks

SFS provides a network of today's most inspiring figures across business, arts, politics and more, who donate their time to help inspire students to fuel their ambition. **We have attached a schedule of events for week commencing Monday 15 June 2020** including instructions to join and easy to add to calendar links. You can also access here: [Upcoming VTalks](#) If you do attend events, listen for the colour code and complete and return the activity sheet to Mrs Haycock.



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.



Apprenticeships Webinar

LMP Education are a national apprenticeship training provider who will be delivering a 25-minute broadcast to all **Year 11, 12 and 13** across the country. This is to fully explain the apprenticeship route and available opportunities. **To tune in via ZOOM on Tuesday 23 June at 3pm [please register here now](#).** The webinar will include:

- Understanding Apprenticeships – Key Facts & Considerations.
- LMP Education Courses and Employment Opportunities Nationwide (Sept)
- Inspire ATA Courses and Employment Opportunities Nationwide (Sept)
- Opportunities Available Now.
- Eligibility & Application Process, Next Steps and more...

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

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

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

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

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](#)

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