

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### Dear Parents/Carers and Students

It has been lovely to have the students back in school again! Whilst the grounds and buildings look very different the atmosphere of support remains the same. Overall, the dress code has been supported extremely well and we appreciate your support in helping us maintain these standards.

Year 12 got off to a flying start, meeting their tutors Mrs Morcumb and Mr Delicate before embarking on sessions led by the National Citizenship Service (NCS). NCS were getting students to think about their goals, values and wellbeing. To round off their first day they spent some time with Mr Delicate learning about mindfulness and how that might help them. We hope that students will try and apply this to their time in the Sixth Form. Lessons are slowly getting underway and we hope that students will start to settle. Homework will certainly become more prominent in the next few weeks and we will be running a progress check in week 3 to inform students of any further course advice.

We know from the progress meetings at the end of last term, that most Year 13 students were very keen to be back in the classroom. It is important that they are now very focused on taking control of their learning and prepare thoroughly for the upcoming mock exams. Last summer has shown us that potentially mock exam results can have new importance and therefore careful revision is essential. Work on UCAS applications has restarted this week under the watchful eye of their form tutor Mr Mannion.

Study leave from lunchtime is now underway and we will be monitoring this very carefully to see how this works. Year 12 Forum which takes place on a Tuesday P5 will resume in some way after half term. It is essential that this time is used for study. All Sixth Form students are advised to study for 4-5 hours per subject outside of the lesson (2 for EPQ and Core Maths). We recognise the important role that part time work plays in the developing independence and confidence of Sixth Form students but we would recommend that this is limited to around 8 hours a week in term time to allow for study, social and rest time.

*Mrs Haycock* Key Stage 5 Lead  
*Head of Sixth Form*

### Sixth Form Senior Student Team

As a reminder we are Megan Stokes (Head Girl), Charlie Smith (Deputy for Sixth Form Cohesion), Bridget Marshall and Tilly Evanson (Deputies for Mentoring), Hannah Mellor and Edina Jones (Deputies for Charity and Community links). Firstly, we would like to welcome everyone back to Sixth Form and a special welcome to the new Year 12s joining us, we hope you are settling in well. This term is very important for Year 13 due to the upcoming mock exams in the next 1-2 weeks which will help determine the UCAS predicted grades, so hopefully you are well into your revision. We look forward to announcing Year 12 and 13 mentoring partners to help both year groups get to know each other and learn about any concerns or worries. We will also be introducing study groups with a mixture of Year 12 and 13 students allowing Year 13 to share their wisdom with year 12. For Year 13 this will be useful reflection and a chance to consolidate knowledge. If you have any concerns or have ideas on how to make the Sixth Form better, please contact the senior student team.

*Megan Stokes* Head Girl

### Sixth Form Attendance/Appointments

We request that medical, driving test appointments etc are not arranged during the school day. Should this not be possible all requests should be directed to Mrs Haycock, Key Stage 5 Lead (Head of Sixth Form) via email: [Haycock.j@sjt.mmat.org.uk](mailto:Haycock.j@sjt.mmat.org.uk)

We also request that family holidays are not arranged during term time as these will only be authorised by the Head of School in very exceptional circumstances.

For further details please see attached: Sixth Form Attendance.



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Independence

*In recognition of increasing independence please encourage your child to speak to their teachers and or form tutors to resolve issues themselves.*

*For any other queries please direct these to form tutors via email:*

*Year 12 Mr Delicate: [delicate.m@sjt.mmat.org.uk](mailto:delicate.m@sjt.mmat.org.uk) and Mrs Morcumb: [Morcumb.I@sjt.mmat.org.uk](mailto:Morcumb.I@sjt.mmat.org.uk)*

*Year 13 Mr Mannion: [mannon.s@sjt.mmat.org.uk](mailto:mannon.s@sjt.mmat.org.uk)*

### Virtual Parents' Advice and Guidance Evenings

After two very successful virtual parents' evenings in summer 2020, the University of Lincoln is hosting a series of virtual parents' evenings over this academic year.

These bespoke events have been designed to inform and educate parents and guardians about higher education, so you have the knowledge and understanding to offer support at home, when required. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, hear from current students and graduates, and learn more about relevant higher education topics.

All evenings will run online from 6pm until 7:30pm as follows:

- Year 13 and BTEC Year 2 students - Thursday 8 October
- Year 12 and BTEC Year 1 students - Wednesday 4 November

To book your place, simply click the button below. You will be sent a timetable and joining instructions before the event.

For any questions please email [educationliaison@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:educationliaison@lincoln.ac.uk) [More Information and Booking](#)

## CAREERS



Mrs Murphy, Careers and Inspirational Officer attends SJT weekly for career or work experience related questions or concerns. Mrs Murphy will be sending out useful articles and will be in touch with students. Mrs Murphy can be contacted by email at: [murphy.m@mmat.co.uk](mailto:murphy.m@mmat.co.uk)



## EXTERNAL LINKS

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#) This website allows you to explore vacancies by company or by area of interest and gives an overview of when opportunities open - go to explore > vacancy snapshot.

[Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Apprenticeships](#) will help you to find apprenticeships at Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Hospital Trust. You can sign up for alerts.

## WEBSITE QUICK LINKS



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



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