

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I hope everyone managed to find some fun during the half term. We face a very different term leading to Christmas but in school we are trying to maintain routines and focus on the things that we can control.

Year 13

One of the key processes for this term is completion of the UCAS process for any Year 13 student who wishes to apply. All references are now ready and being uploaded, we are just waiting for students to complete personal statements and choices. This is the end of a very long process where students have been exposed to a huge amount of information through Unifrog work, talks from a range of Universities, links to virtual open days, opportunities for virtual work experience, careers interviews and individual sessions with Sixth Form staff. All of that is worth it once the offers start rolling in, this could happen at any time after the "Send" button is pressed!

Year 12

The focus for Year 12 has been on securing a strong set of study skills and a suitable mindset for A level success but with this in place we are ready to focus on the future now. Forum on Tuesday is up and running and the tutor programme will contain a mixture of sessions to let them know about a range of Post 18 opportunities whilst continuing to support wellbeing. Students are also sent email opportunities regularly, so please encourage them to have a look and get involved. Mrs Brown (Associate Deputy Headteacher) went into Year 12 form this week to talk about A level grades and how we as a school generate predictions, the difference between minimum grades, teacher targets and UCAS predictions. Over the next couple of weeks teachers will be talking to students individually about what they expect them to achieve (teacher targets). We hope all this information will both help them judge their progress and start to think about what might be possible in terms of future steps.

*Mrs Haycock
Head of Sixth Form*

Dates for the diary

Monday 9th November

Personal statement clinic with Staffordshire University
(anyone who has not yet submitted can have a slot)

Tuesday 10th November

Forum

Year 12 My Future Finances

Thursday 12th November

Year 12 Young Professionals Virtual Conference (all day)

Tuesday 17th November

Forum

Benefits of Higher Education

Thursday 26th November

Virtual Parents Evening

(this will take place on Microsoft Teams and further information will follow)

Senior Student Team

This year we are imminently collecting for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal - if you can send in any donations of suitable items no matter how small we would be extremely grateful. If you can donate, please can we ask that you kindly do so as soon as possible. Later in the term we are also organising donations for our local foodbank. We hope you will also be able to be involved with this and appreciate fully if this is not possible.

Home Study Reminder

Year 12 students are permitted one session of home study when they have no lesson P5.

Year 13 students are permitted two sessions of home study when they have no lesson P5.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Sixth Form Driving Policy

As more students pass their tests, please ensure that you have signed the school policy that indicates your permission for students to be a passenger or carry a passenger. We do require that masks be worn in shared cars until further notice.

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



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.

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- [Home Learning](#)
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