



15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure for many of you, and our students, Christmas is a dim memory! There has been so much to get to grips with and days have just flown by. I am so impressed with how people are adapting and dealing with the changing environment. When, in future interviews, they are asked to give examples of where they have been resilient, they will have so many examples to offer, please do not forget that. However, where things have gone well, we know that this may not be the end of matters. We know that these changes are tiring and fun is in short supply. Please remember that teachers, tutors and I are here for support when it is needed. Some updates and news:

Attendance

From Monday, 18th January the live lesson register will be checked and phone calls made home where students have not been online. This will work in a similar way to our usual absence notifications. If you know that your son or daughter is not going to be able to join lessons due to illness, internet issues or medical appointments please email by 9am so that the register can be updated. This will prevent calls being made. Email absence to: SJTAdmin@sjt.mmat.org.uk

Year 13 Mrs Brown, Associate Assistant Deputy Head, gave a presentation on Thursday morning to share the key points regarding exams/non exams. As you will appreciate the details are limited but we will endeavour to share our understanding of the situation as we hear more. The key point was that attendance in lessons remains essential, particularly as many subjects have not covered all of the course content yet.

UCAS I will be giving a short presentation next week about next steps with UCAS

Apprenticeships – Opportunities are now going live and students in Year 12 and 13 interested in this route have been invited to a CV workshop on Tuesday and a group meeting on Wednesday.

Year 12 We hope most people are now settling into the routine of live lessons, they are different and we are all learning. Teachers are still available for support and we hope students will increasingly gain confidence in the online environment.

Early entry group Students have been asked to identify themselves if they are considering Veterinary, medicine, or Oxbridge courses. The first meeting will be next week and will provide some starter information.

Forum will be back for the next few weeks and will focus on CVs and the student finance.

Nuffield Research Placements A further reminder about applications for this, as a way of boosting science-based courses has been sent out.

I hope that has helped keep you informed on what is happening in Sixth Form. As you can see it is still a very busy and exciting time. Please keep in touch if there is anything you feel we need to know about circumstances etc.

Yours sincerely

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