

September 2025

Dear Students and Parents/Carers

### **Academic Mentoring Day (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025): Arrangements for Sixth Form students**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 we are hosting an Academic Mentoring Day as per the whole school calendar; this letter details the arrangements for students in Year 12 and Year 13 as we are pleased to be able to tailor our provision on this day to suit the needs of the Sixth Form cohort. Please note that on this day, in line with the rest of the school, no lessons will be taking place and students should use the time they gain to study independently as directed by subject teachers.

#### **Year 13 students**

Following the successful UCAS event in the Summer term, the Sixth Form team and Year 13 tutors will again be running 2 sessions (9-11am and 12-2pm) focusing on the UCAS application process, writing and refining personal statements, organising visits to institutions and interview skills. While we encourage and expect all students to apply through UCAS, we will ensure that the advice and guidance given also supports those who may be applying for different post-18 routes (such as an Apprenticeship). We had 100% attendance to the event in the Summer and we urge all students to take advantage of this session again this term! Students will be assigned to the morning or the afternoon session – anyone with a preference should let their tutor know. This event is, of course, for students only – sorry Parents/Carers!

#### **Year 12 students**

Students in Year 12 are invited to attend a 10 minute appointment with their tutor, which provides a timely opportunity to discuss students' transition to post-16 education, subject choices, future plans, personal development and independent learning. Our preference would be that Parents/Carers attend the appointment with students, however if this is not possible then students are permitted to attend alone.

Appointments will take place during the following times:

- 09.00 to 11.00
- 11.30 to 13.00
- 13.30 to 15.00

Appointments will be held in person and are bookable via SchoolCloud now; please follow the link [here](#). The booking system will close at 6pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.


If you are driving onto the school site, please turn left as you enter the vehicle gate and park in one of the spaces. Please enter the building via the door at the end of the path alongside the Canteen where you will be met by our student leaders and staff. If you are walking onto the school site, please enter via the pedestrian gate and follow the path alongside the canteen. You will be asked to sign in and out in our Space4Learning to maintain the safety of our site at all times. You will also be able to pick up light refreshments before or after your appointment from our Canteen.

Tutors are keen to welcome you and discuss students' opportunities in the Sixth Form and this is a great chance to meet Year 12 tutors and develop those first 'port of call' relationships which are so important as students transition to independent learners who are preparing for adult life.

If you require support to access our site or need an appointment in a downstairs classroom, please contact us so we can arrange this for you.

We will be requesting your feedback following this day via an online survey to ensure we continue to listen to the needs of our school community and improve our provision.

Yours faithfully



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