



Fortnightly Newsletter- Friday 1st December

- **Overall**

This week was exciting for the 4 students in year 13: George Atkin Hill, Sam Jones, Natasha Martin and Francesca Downs, who all have interviews next week at either Oxford or Cambridge. They had a 'mock' interview with an Oxbridge expert in preparation. We wish them luck next week. A visitor from the Social Mobility Foundation visited this week with some exciting opportunities for some of our year 12 students. Please see the link for more information: <http://www.socialmobility.org.uk/>

- **Assembly guest speakers:** The year 12 students have begun their assembly section on careers, beginning to think (if they don't already have an idea) about what their strengths are and how they would fit into a career. Dr Heald presented her career path, as we began discussions about Post 18 plans. Year 13 students were presented with an overview of the next few months and were reminded to ensure they are prepared for next week's assessments.

- **Next two weeks' assemblies:**

Year 12-Careers and Army Careers

Year 13- No assembly 7th Dec due to assessments; 14th Dec Army Careers

- **Year 12**

- Focus on careers: students who would like to book a careers interview with our careers advisor can do this with Monica at any point.
- All GCSE exam certificates will be distributed on Wednesday 20th December following the period 5 assembly.

- **Year 13**

- **UCAS-** 35 students have now applied to university: some have offers; some have interviews. Please see your tutor and the sixth form team if you need support with advice or filling out the form.
- Please continue to book your appointments to send off your UCAS application with Monica.
- **Questions you should be asking:** How much time do you spend outside the classroom doing additional work for your subject? Should I reduce the hours I work in paid employment? What do I want to do and what grades do I need to get there?
- **Prom:** The prom will be on Saturday, 7th July. It is hoped that all Y13 students will attend; those who wish to attend need to collect an invitation from Monica and pay a £10 deposit by 18th December.

- **Key Dates to remember Year 13**

- Year 13 Assessment week- w/c 4th Dec
- Tuesday 19th Dec reports out to students in tutor time
- Year 13 Parents evening- 8th January 2018
- Mock Exams- w/c 12th March 2018

End of term-Christmas Arrangements

- Students' last day of school is Wednesday 20th December
- For sixth form, our Christmas jumper day will be Wednesday 20th December.
- There is a mandatory assembly for **ALL** year 12 and 13 students period 5 on Wednesday 20th December: all students **MUST** attend.
- No twilight lesson will take place on Wednesday 20th December.