



Fortnightly Newsletter- Friday 12th January

- **Overall**

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had time to rest and be with family and friends. We are straight in this week with year 12 formal assessments and year 13 parents evening. There is certainly no time to rest in sixth form! Attendance letters have been sent out for all students under 90% in the first term; although I am aware there are many justifiable reasons why students may be absent, ultimately, there is a direct correlation between achievement and attendance to school. It is therefore important that parents/carers have the complete picture of their son's or daughter's attendance.

Year 13 parents' evening this week was extremely well attended and the motivation of students and support from teachers is excellent to be a part of. The relationship and support between student, school and home will be key to success over the next few difficult months of year 13. Please do not hesitate to contact the sixth form team for any advice or support you may need.

Please congratulate George Atkin-Hill who has been offered a place at Cambridge to study Politics. Well done George!

- **Assembly guest speakers:**
- **Year 12-** will continue with the careers focus, including guest speakers from a variety of different careers backgrounds and experiences. If you would like to be involved and present to year 12's about your career, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Tyers.
- **Year 13-**will focus on skills and practices which will support their upcoming mock and ultimately final exams such as advanced literacy skills, mindfulness and revision techniques.
- **Immersion day: Tuesday 6th February,** all students will be off timetable to complete activities which we feel will contribute not just to their academic success but support their growth as an individual. Groupings will be distributed via tutors.
- **Year 12: Young Driver Education**
- 4 Sessions on rotation: Police-speeding, peer pressure, moral dilemmas and ripple effect, vulnerable road users, distractions, mobile phones and seatbelts, alcohol and drug awareness.
- **Year 13: Life after post 18**
- 4 Sessions on rotation: Personal safety- Police, food/eating on a budget, financing/mortgages/rent/credit cards/overdrafts, CV writing- DANCOP (external organisation)
- **Jaguar Land Rover trip:** Students in the year 12 business class will be taking part in a visit to the site.
- **Year 12**
- **Upcoming events:**
- The launch of year 12 work experience **9-13th July.** Students will be sourcing and applying to their own work experience placement which should provide valuable experience when applying to university, job or higher level apprenticeship.
- The student management team will be expanded to include year 12 members. Anyone wishing to be involved in management of the sixth form...get ready! Launch to take place January.
- PIXL Independence- all students will be asked to download and print a supportive revision resource for the subject they need to improve most. W:\NEW Student Shared Area\Sixth Form\PIXL or online from home on:
<https://students.pixl.org.uk>
PiXL School Number: 904262
Password: Indep59



- **Key Dates to remember Year 12**
- Formal assessment week w/b 8th January 2018
- Reports to parents w/b 15th January 2018
- Year 12 Parents evening-25th January 2018
- Formal mock exams w/b 25th June 2018
- Work Experience 9-13th July 2018

- **Year 13**
- **UCAS**-Many students will have received many offers please see Miss Tyers or Mrs Dobrzycki before accepting any offers to ensure you are making the right decisions.

- **Key Dates to remember Year 13**
- Mock Exams- w/c 12th March 2018
- 22nd March applications to higher level apprenticeships advisor in school

Opportunities:

- **UK University and apprenticeship search fair. Leicester Spring.** Friday 9th March 2018 Leicester, King Power Stadium LE2 7FL.
- Vital HE & Career Inspiration and Support
- For more information see Miss Tyers

- **The SUTTON TRUST Applications for our UK Summer School are NOW OPEN!**

We are pleased to announce that applications to our 2018 UK Summer School are now open!

The application form can be found [here](#). To be eligible for our programme your student(s) must be in Year 12 and meet our eligibility criteria.

We have attached a [poster](#) and [postcard](#) for you to have an overview.

Please do encourage your eligible students to apply. The deadline for applications is **Thursday 8th March 2018** at 5pm, and the deadline for teacher verification is **Thursday 15th March 2018** at 5pm.

We look forward to hearing from you and wish your students the very best of luck with their application!

- **Derby University**- 3 day events, see Miss Tyers if you are interested in any of the following:

Event: STEM Event

Date: 14 March 2018

Year group: Year 12

Location: STEM Centre and Kedleston Road, Derby

Description: The event will give your students the opportunity to speak to academics and students from a range of disciplines within STEM subjects, as well as taking part in a range of taster sessions.

Event: Law Challenge Day

Date: 6 June 2018

Year group: 12/13

Location: Friar Gate Square, Derby

Description: This event has been designed to provide students with an authentic university experience. Participants will explore a murder case by considering expert evidence and testimonials from witnesses and the defendant. This will be followed by a mock trial in our on-site law court, in which students will take on the roles of lawyer, witness, defendant and jury.



Event: Buxton Experience Day

Date: 7 June 2018

Year group: Year 12

Location: Buxton campus Description: Our Buxton campus is home to nationally recognised outdoor, events, hospitality, tourism and spa degrees and this inspirational day will give your students the opportunity to experience these exciting degrees first hand. Your students will be able to participate in a range of subject taster sessions as well as tours of our stunning campus and student accommodation, and the chance to talk to current students about their university experience.

Event: Careers in Education

Date: 14 June 2018

Year group: Year 12

Location: Kedleston Road, Derby

Description: This event has been designed to provide students with information on the full range of careers that are available within the education sector. Participants will get the opportunity to explore a range of subject specific workshops, such as SEND and Early Childhood Studies.

Event: Sport@Derby

Date: 19 June 2018

Year group: Year 10 – 12

Location: Kedleston Road, Derby

Description: This event aims to bring give your students an insight into the ever-developing world of sport. This event will give your students the opportunity to speak to academics and students about studying a range of sport related subjects at Derby and also try out new sports run by our Union of Students.

Event: OFGS Day

Date: 21 June 2018

Year group: Year 12

Location: One Friar Gate Square, Derby

Description: This day will be aimed at giving students interested in Law, Criminology, Sociology or Policing an insight into those subject areas through taking part in taster sessions at our specialist One Friar Gate Square site.

Event: Art Summer School

Date: 3 – 4 July 2018

Year group: Year 12

Location: Markeaton Street, Derby

Description: This will be a non-residential summer school aimed at giving year 12 students the opportunity to develop their skills and portfolios to aid with their applications to University. Through a series of workshops and seminars they will be able to understand and develop key skills that would be essential with the Arts sector.

Event: Education Experience Day

Date: 12 July 2018

Year group: Year 10

Location: Kedleston Road, Derby

Description: This event has been designed to provide students with the opportunity to experience studying education at university. Participants will take part in academic led sessions, covering a range of subject areas such as teaching, child and youth studies, and education studies.