



Fortnightly Newsletter- Friday 17th November

- **Overall**

This week the sixth form united in blue to support anti bullying week. 24 students in year 13 have now applied to university so the process is well underway. We attended a very successful sixth form recruitment event at John Flamsteed School, many thanks to the student support. Congratulations, to Jodeci Pugsley, Matthew Slack, Dominic Wilton and Pranav Arudkumar who have all been accepted onto the Pathways to STEM programme run by Nottingham University. Well done! This is a great opportunity.

- **Assembly guest speakers: Lauren Atack and Gary Woodhouse from Heanor sexual health**

LGBT awareness and understanding. Excellent assembly which provoked thought and discussion within sixth form about students who may need understanding. Linked well to anti bullying week. Please be reminded that assembly on Tuesday for year 12 and Thursday for Year 13 is mandatory.

- **Next week's assemblies:**

Year 12-Careers: G Tyers

Year 13- No assembly (INSET day)

- **Year 12**

- A level mindset key focus: A level mind set Session 9- Attitude (how you deal with success and failure) resilience, continued.
- Students who received a U and E in the last report are receiving an individual mentoring session with their tutor to help support and guide them to ways they can be successful in the next set of informal assessments.

- **Year 13**

- **UCAS-** 24 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.
- **Be aware of common mistakes made on the online form:**
 - *Failure to check entry requirements*
 - *Qualifications (e.g. SQA results) missing, or incorrectly named, on form*
 - *Wrong student support fee code*
 - *Email address not verified*
 - *Ticking criminal conviction box*
 - *Forgotten to register for admissions test*
 - *Nominated access- add your parents/carer*
 - *Click "Pay and send" to send it to the sixth form team to check. This does **not** send it straight to UCAS.*
- **Finance changes/news:** From April 2018, the earnings threshold for student loan repayments will be increased from the current level of £21,000 to £25,000 for the 2018-19 financial year.
- The year 13 intervention group continues to meet every Wednesday at 8am.

- **Dates to remember**

- Inset days 23rd-24th November



Opportunities:

- **Derby College**-Animal management, equine and sport higher education open evening Tuesday 5th December 2017 at Derby College, no appointment needed drop in between 5-7:30pm.
- **Severn Trent** -are advertising for this year's leavers with GCSEs & A Levels with very good salaries - closing date April 2018. <https://www.severntrent.com/careers/apprentices/apply-now/>
- **CGI** -Please see a new opportunity from TARGET careers. If you are interested in finding out more you can click the link in the email or visit the [TARGETcareers website](#). At CGI we're offering you a unique opportunity to be part of something exciting and earn while you learn on our school leaver programmes.

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