



Weekly Newsletter- Friday 8 September

- **Overall**

- This week sees the induction of our largest and potentially most able cohort to date. 144 year 12 students were welcomed into Heanor Gate Sixth Form with an introduction from Mr Jones, Mr Huntington and Miss Tyers. The new Year 12s have begun the next stage of their academic career. We are extremely excited about our success and the year ahead.
- Extension of catering in sixth form: food is now available from 8am-2pm every day.
- Introduction of the student management team: the year 13 team are:

- George Atkin-Hill
- Olivia Birks
- Isobel Briggs
- Sydney Briggs
- Georgia Coleman
- Emily Lunn
- Jade Grundy
- Aisha Homar
- Claire Knighton

They will pave the way to help introduce and support some new initiatives within Sixth Form.

- **Year 12**

- Students were introduced to the A level Mindset Programme (designed to bridge the gap between GCSE and A level) and will be working with tutors on this programme for this term. *"We think there are five key elements to success at A level. And more importantly, that these five elements can be learned. They are not gifts or genetic quirks handed down to lucky people. They that lead to success that we call the A Level Mindset."* Please see the following link for more information.
www.alevelmindset.com/projects
- We have also introduced the Year 12 Portfolio. Each student will set themselves a target to achieve within year 12 to develop and enhance their learning within subjects, hopefully creating a diverse skill set and a list of achievements when applying for apprenticeships, university or a job.
- All students also selected their one hour weekly enrichment options, one of the choices being the EPQ, Extended Project Qualification: *"Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) allows students to extend their abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare for university or their future career. It is worth half an A-level (28 UCAS points) so can be used to earn extra UCAS points."* Please find a link to the syllabus for more information.
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/projects/aqa-certificate/EPQ-7993/why-choose>
- Year 12- **Sixth Form Welcome Evening will be on Monday 11th September from 6pm-7pm**, all parents and students welcome in the **main hall**.
- As always during this settling in period please remember that the achievement team are around to help with any issues or concerns you may have:
- **Mr M Jones** (Vice Principal & Director of Post 16)
- **Miss G Tyers** (Achievement Leader Post 16)
- **Mrs A Dobrzycki** (Assistant Achievement Leader for Post 16)
- **Mrs M Burrows** (Post 16 Administration Officer)
- A reminder that all Y12 students should be in school for every tutor period: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. Their study periods are self-directed. Please ensure that all students sign in and out via the log outside the Sixth Form office.
- **Year 13**
- UCAS applications are well underway and students should now be fully logged onto the system with all their key information entered. They should also have produced the first draft of their personal statement. The earlier the applications are sent the better.
- Tutor period: all students should attend Monday, Tuesday (if they are applying to university) and Thursday. If they have a lesson p1 on Friday, they are expected to attend tutor time on Friday too.