

# Sixth Form Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to our third newsletter of the year.

Last half term was short and busy, with many activities and events including the Dance Show and a number of Controlled Assessments for year 12 and 13.

Mrs Alkarafi

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Director of Sixth Form



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## Attendance Matters

Students who have 100% attendance, higher their chances of academic and vocational success. Being in lesson, being present and participating, is the first step in being able to build upon prior knowledge. Students who have attended all lessons see the links between learning much easier and can apply that knowledge in their work. Each week students who achieve 100% attendance are put into a prize draw by Mr Hughes. Winners receive a sweet treat of their choice.

## Achievement

Well done to the year 13 English students who have been working hard on their NEA Prep. The English Faculty have organised that each student has a mentor who they meet with weekly to discuss feedback, action points and progress made. This style of 1-2-1 support is of huge benefit to the students with a wealth of experience and support from the English Staff allowing students to really delve into their topics and improve their writing.



## Student of the Month

Congratulations to our January Student of the Month winners. This award is given to recognise students who have made outstanding progress, excellent effort or gone above and beyond our high expectations.

Year 12: Tom Mc

Year 13: Finn T



## Curriculum Spotlight

There have been multiple controlled assessments completed in Social Sciences this past half term. All courses listed have their final grades moderated and released by the exam board:

- Year 12 Criminology Unit 1, an 8-hour assessment (internally moderated results will be given to students this half term with possible re-sits organised later this year)
- Year 13 Criminology Unit 3, an 8-hour assessment (internally moderated results will be given to students this half term with possible re-sits organised after assessment week)
- Year 13 Childcare CCE1, a 20-hour assessment (External results on 3.4.24 with possible resits organised next half term)
- Year 13 Health and Social Care HSC1, a 20-hour assessment (External results on 3.4.24 with possible resits organised next half term)

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## Assessment Focus

Sixth form students are currently preparing for their next Assessment Weeks, week beginning 4th and 11th March. All year 13 students and year 12 who have official end of year external exams, have mock exams scheduled for their subjects. This is to best support and prepare them, giving the best experience of the real exam.

## Home Learning Focus

All students are set three key pieces of work for their subjects. All tasks are set on ClassCharts and include:

- **Home Learning Task** - To be completed at home, submitted to and marked by class teacher.
- **Directed study Task**- To be completed during Directed Study lesson, checked by Mr Hughes then submitted to subject teacher.
- **Silent Study Task**- To be completed during Silent Study lesson, checked by Silent Study teacher, then submitted to subject teacher.

There are a number of interventions that are taking place both in the academy day and afterwards. Students must attend these sessions to support their learning.

Students who complete these tasks and stay on top of coursework deadlines will ensure that regular knowledge is being applied and assessed. Doing so consistently allows students to stay on top of their study plans, including revising key content naturally, in a focused manner to take away the stress of revising and also ensuring that it is effective.

## Reading Spotlight



EPQ students in Year 12 and 13 are reading a range of subjects and books based on their chosen topics. Students are encouraged to gather information and support their ideas from a number of different sources including books and academic journals. Alicia H is currently reading Christopher Booker's 'The Seven Basic Plots' about how story telling plays a huge part of our lives and how there are only 7 original plots, upon which all other stories are based.

Sixth form students are encouraged to use The Sutton Academy Library which has a wealth of books that are linked to their curriculum as chosen by subject staff but also for leisure.

All sixth form students have access to JSTOR. JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary sources. Use of this amazing resource is recommended to all our students to widen their research.

**If students wish to seek out other books, resources or cannot access JSTOR, please see Mrs Alkarafi.**



## Trips and Events

Year 12 and 13 students worked with Mrs Miller to organise the Dance Show. Georgia B and Poppy E, our year 13 dancers were part of closing the show and gave a heartfelt speech regarding their time in Dance. The show was excellent and many have said it was the best to date; upbeat, full of energy and had many of the audience dancing too. It was great to see the hard work of the students and staff, and how well everyone came together to support as a community.



Year 13 are due to go to New York in March. The planned schedule is busy and exciting, taking in as much of the famous sights as possible.

Details of year 12 rewards trips will be released this half term.

Year 12 are due to visit Edge Hill University on 1. 3. 24, the day is fully funded including a free lunch.

## DANCE Night AWAY



ClassCharts