

# Sixth Form Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to our fifth newsletter of the year. The past half term was really busy, with students preparing for end of year exams and assessments.

In this final half term, the year 13 examinations are coming to an end on 21st June and will start to be signed off from their courses by their subject teachers. For a student to be signed off as completed, the following must have taken place: their final exam, NEA/coursework sign off and no work outstanding. Please note, we do not advise booking a holiday until two weeks post the final exam (21/06/2023) as we may need to invite students in to complete NEA/coursework even after their final exam.

Mrs Alkarafi

Mr Hughes



Director of Sixth Form



Assistant Director of Sixth Form

## Achievement

Two of our incredible former sixth for students Maxe and Eva had the honour of visiting Buckingham Palace to receive The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Awards. Mr Johnson, DoFE course leader, said it was a great day and an amazing tribute to two of our students who really excelled in their time in sixth form. We are proud of their dedication, resilience, and commitment to personal development. Congratulations! Your achievements are an inspiration to us all.

The current year 13 and year 12 are in the final stages of their DoFE for this year, with residentials planned and ready to go. Good luck to all.

## Assessment Focus

Year 12 Mock week starts on 1st July. Students have received revision lists for all subjects that will have a mock. Subjects that have had a recent external assessment will not have a mock.

Following the mock week, year 12 students can start to be signed off from their year 12 studies.

For a student to be signed off as completed, the following must have taken place: final exams completed, mocks completed to a satisfactory standard based on target grades, NEA/coursework sign off and no work outstanding.



Well Done

May Student of the Month



Year 13 - Georgia B



Year 12 - Agabe A

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## Home Learning Focus

A reminder for students, parents and carers- if students are regularly completing their Independent Learning Tasks of:



- 1.Silent Study
- 2.Directed Study
- 3.Home Learning

They are already making a great start towards revision and coursework completion. Keeping up with these tasks as selected by their subjects teachers will put students in a good position with their studies and in line with students work rate across the country. Any revision or extra work on top, sets students above their peers.

If students wish to stay and complete some independent work after 2.40pm, and are not scheduled to be in an intervention with their teachers, Directed Study is open until 4pm. Students must be supervised by a member of staff. They can check this daily with Mr Hughes and Mrs Alkarafi.

## Aspirations

Year 12 students who signed up for our partnership mentoring from Early Careers Foundation are well underway with their 2-year programme.

The programme matches students with working professionals from a number of careers, industries and businesses to be mentored during their time in sixth form. The mentor program allows students to have monthly contact with a working professional who can guide students with their drive towards their chosen career and aspirations. The program has a high success rate of course completion through to successful achievement of employment, apprenticeship and degree. There is also post sixth form mentorship if required, including access to a 5-year grant. Students have really benefited from the advice and guidance so far.

## Curriculum Spotlight

In year 12 Criminology this half term, students are starting their unit 3 Crime Scene to Courtroom learning, to prepare for their controlled assessment in the first term of year 13. Students have already completed 50% of their course and awaiting Unit 2 exam results in August.

Those who wish to or must gain higher grades in unit 1, are completing extra-curricular intervention with Mrs Alkarafi, ready to re-sit their Controlled Assessment in July, to ensure that year 12 outcomes are more secure before embarking on year 13.

## Reading Spotlight



In the Academy, we have a number of paid and voluntary roles for sixth form students. Students who have gained the posts have applied for the roles and attended interviews, inductions and must also attend ongoing training to allow them to progress in their roles. Well done to all those who were successful in gaining a post.

One of the most recent appointments, is that of our new Librarians- Tom M, Megan R and Arden G. The librarians work in shifts in the spare time and after hours to help run the TSA Library.

Another recent set of roles, now filled, are for our Reading Mentors- **Megan R, Arden G, Tom M, Amy G, Jake H and Abbey H, Agape A and Sonia O.** The reading Mentors support KS3 students during Ready To Learn to help improve their reading skills. Mr Lovelady and Mrs Dempsey are delighted with the commitment and progress of the mentor and mentee partnerships.



## Attendance Matters



Attendance to every lesson is vital at any point in the year but even more so now as we are in the final stages of year 12 and course completion for year 13.

Sixth form students are encouraged to be on time to all lessons and make their best efforts to be in. Any missed learning must be caught up on.

**If students are going to be late or absent for any reason, they must email or call Mr Hughes and Mrs Alkarafi.**





## Trips and Events

The A Level English class had the rare treat of seeing A Streetcar Named Desire performed live!

As always, the students behaved impeccably and were a true credit to our school, when discussing the play on the way home it made me really proud to see how well the students know the play.

Huge thanks to Ms Pennington who not only organised the trip but drove us all the way to Nottingham and back!



# YEAR 13 PARTY

We will be celebrating with the year 13s on **21st June at the Function Room in St. Helens**. The graduation event will have a beach party vibe as voted or by students. It has been a much talked about and well anticipated event and amazing way to celebrate the end of their time at the Academy. The event will run from 7pm-1am. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with and support year 13 over the past 2 years.

You will be missed by all staff, but especially by Mr Hughes, Mrs Alkarafi and Mrs Grace.

Thank you for being an amazing year group.

