

## **Sixth Form Update 22.10.21**

We have now reached half term and the Sixth Form students should now have a well deserved break. They have shown great determination in their approach to their studies and in coping with the ongoing restrictions due to Covid. I know that the ongoing uncertainties are difficult for Year 13 students in particular. The expectation by the government is that students will continue to study for their examinations which will go ahead next year. We will continue to support students in preparing for these.

### **Covid 19**

Public Health is asking for students to continue to test them twice weekly to help to identify asymptomatic cases. Additional test kits are available from the Sixth Form office should they need them. Students who are showing symptoms should take a PCR test at a local test centre and we would ask students to let us know the outcome of these tests so we can monitor numbers. We are asking students to wear face masks when moving around the site and to sanitise their hands when entering or leaving classrooms and to try to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. We would appreciate it if students brought in their own masks but we do have spare facemasks in the Sixth Form office should students need them.

### **Progress Reports**

Year 13 Progress Reports are out today and are available on Insight/ Parent Portal giving teacher feedback on student progress at the start of the year. Year 12 Progress Reports will be issued at the start of next term.

### **Careers**

There is a careers classroom for both year 12 and 13 promoting valuable opportunities and also providing information on various career pathways.

If students have not already joined these classrooms then they can use the following codes to do so:

Year 12 Classroom: ochkmv5

Year 13 Classroom: ccjio6t

Sixth Form students use Unifrog (<https://www.unifrog.org/>) as a valuable online resource to also support them with careers information to help them plan their next steps. The name of the site is deceptive as it provides information about lots of pathways including apprenticeships. It is possible for you to logon to this resource as a parent using the codes below. These codes will be active until 10th November.

Unifrog Code MSN Sixth: MIDSpaents

Unifrog Code Writhlington Sixth:WRSCpaents

Unifrog Code Mendip Sixth:MNDPpaents

For parents who are supporting students with their University applications for the first time there is information on Unifrog if you go to the Know-How Library; there are guides in there on preparing for Uni open days, what happens after a UCAS application is submitted, an introductory guide to University culture. There are quite a few bitesize guides and many with external links so the research can continue.

## **Opportunities**

### **University of Exeter - parent support**

Parents and supporters can join the university for an Introduction to the University of Exeter for Parents and Supporters on 3rd November 18:00-19:00 on Zoom where we will be providing an overview of the University of Exeter and provide the opportunity for any questions to be answered by their staff.

Their second session is 'Supporting an application to University' on 17th November 18:00-19:00. Parents and supporters may sign up for either, or both sessions:

<https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU02d0qsHGWPYt>

There is details of other activities and more information by following this link:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying/accessexeter/discoveruniversity/>

### **Public Health Notice**

We have been asked to pass on a newsletter from Public Health and advice from the NHS regarding paediatric bronchiolitis:

[Public Health Newsletter -](#)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13betpRJVexThy7ZbtbI10t6YnahouxgV/view>

[NHS - Paediatric Bronchiolitis](#)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RiWpCA83YnaivN6J6-\\_qLOeY0cGWjkaY/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RiWpCA83YnaivN6J6-_qLOeY0cGWjkaY/view)

### **Year 13 Mock Exams**

There will be mock exams for Year 13 during the week beginning Monday 6th December. The timetable will be out after half term and teachers will be giving students details of what these will cover.

I hope that everyone has a fantastic half term break and we look forward to seeing the students after their holiday.

If you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



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**Director of Sixth Form**