

17th July 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 12 – End of term letter

We are coming to the end of a very busy term for Year 12 and a year of transition and progression. Adapting to A level study and independent work is not easy and we have watched your sons and daughters grow in maturity throughout the year. Many have learnt how to manage their time and to use their “study” periods effectively with help and support along the way. The exam week was a culmination of all their hard work and revision as well as a time of reflection.

The summer term has seen many enrichment opportunities for Year 12 and not only will they have developed in confidence by taking part but they will have more to refer to in their personal statements and CVs. There have been several trips, subject talks and conferences which students have really enjoyed. The new leadership and sixth form prefect team have been mixing and working with their new House members in lower school and contributing so positively to the community spirit of The Holt. Sixth form students have “thrown” themselves enthusiastically into House events and many inter-House activities, sports day as well as doing regular classroom attachments in lessons. It is always wonderful to see so many sixth form students participating with the younger students and taking on so much responsibility. It is encouraging to see Year 12 students playing a leading role in the school; organising assemblies, charity events and helping with whole school events such as global day, the science days and induction days for Year 5 and 6 from the local community. We feel that participation in such events gives our students the confidence, maturity and skills to deal with their next steps in the adult world.

Last week was an extremely busy week for Year 12. On Monday, the Army introduced Year 12 to several team building tasks and challenges. Many students said they loved having to solve problems on the spot and they thought the day was great fun and an exciting experience: it ended in the afternoon with a big tug of war. The three days of work experience proved very successful and a positive few days for most. The week ended with a very busy morning on Friday working on personal statements and CVs, and students have now prepared their first drafts and have some plan for their future pathways. The whole week was extremely successful and gave Year 12 students many new experiences and challenges; it was then celebrated with a well-earned barbecue at lunchtime.

Post PPEs, students have used the time this term very sensibly to consider ideas for EPQs, to research apprenticeship opportunities, university courses and to visit universities on open days and summer school programmes. Many students are well on their way to making decisions about their future pathways and they have all summer to continue with their research and decision-making. In September, you will be invited to make appointments with tutors for the afternoon of Thursday 13th September between 2pm and 5pm to discuss your daughter / son’s post 18 options, UCAS predicted grades and future choices.

School returns for Year 13 at 8.40am on Thursday 6th September.

We hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable summer and that students come back ready for the start of Year 13 well rested and ready to work hard as they return to complete their A level studies.

Please feel free to contact the Sixth Form team if you require help or any further information.

Yours sincerely



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