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Dear Parent/Carer

Sixth Form Start of Academic Year October 2023

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our Sixth Form students and thank families for their continued support. For our new Year 12 students this is the start of a new chapter in their personal journey, a time of challenge and new beginnings. Our Year 13 students face the final stage of their journey with us and will begin to prepare for the futures without us. Our first four weeks have been very productive, both Year 12 and Year 13 have made an excellent start to the year.

Key Stage 5 Parent's Evening

Wednesday 11th October is our parent's evening for Year 12 and 13. This will be a face – to - face evening with a normal online booking process. Meetings take place between 4.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. This is an important chance to discuss with staff the start Year 12 have made and the progress of Year 13 have made. I will also be on hand to discuss any non - academic issues.

Attendance

Our overall attendance in the Sixth Form is good standing at 91% and Year 12 stands at 97% which is above the national average with several students on 100% attendance. Good attendance is fundamental to educational success, and this highlights the positivity present in the Sixth Form at the start of this academic year.

Leaving site and lanyards

We are now ready to give our Sixth Form their lanyards and ID cards. I am delighted to be able to give our Sixth Formers this new recognition, freedom and responsibility. They will all be excited to get them I know; however, it is important that this privilege is treated with respect and that the regulations covering them are followed carefully. Rules regarding leaving site and returning in good time remain the same and must be followed as before.

Dress Code

I am pleased to say that apart from one or two minor issues our dress code is being followed closely.

Accommodation

We still plan to move into our new Sixth Form accommodation after Christmas. However, I would like to say how proud I am of the way all of our students have adapted to the temporary accommodation and the use of the library at this time to support their study.

UCAS

Mrs Carter is pleased that Year 13 are ahead of where we were last year with personal statements and completing UCAS applications. This is vital to enable references to be written and to be the first cohort of applications to university courses. References will be written by form tutors and where necessary myself and Mrs Carter.

Enrichment

While Year 13 focus on UCAS Year 12 are starting to make the most of our new enrichment programme. The enterprise project is underway with Lincoln City FC and all of the other options are beginning this week. The programme aims are to give Year 12 as many development opportunities as possible outside of their normal lessons.

Bursary

Applications for the bursary are arriving on my desk and I would encourage parents to contact me if they have any questions or visit the letter to parents on the website. However, essentially if your child is or has been entitled to Free School Meals then they may well be eligible for the bursary.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support and draw your attention to the Sixth Form Handbook which is now available on our website. This document is the same for staff, students and families and contains information on many of the things I have mentioned. That said please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



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