

September 2021

Dear Year 12 Student and Parents/Carers

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all, especially those of you who are new to Budmouth. At the end of this letter there is a list of key Sixth Form dates for the remainder of this academic year; I hope you will find this useful. On Thursday 23 September we have our Tutor/Parent Consultation evening **which we will be running remotely this year using "schoolcloud"**. On 23 September parents will have the opportunity to make a 10 minute appointment from home to meet your son/daughter's tutor. You will be able to use any device that has an internet connection e.g. laptop, desktop or even a smartphone. No App is required to be installed and all calls are encrypted. If you do not have access to a device to enable you to make a virtual appointment, please contact Jan Cockings on jcockings@budmouth-aspirations.org who will be happy to assist. To book an appointment slot with your child's teachers please follow this link: <https://budmouth.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

For more information on how to book and attend a video call appointment, please have a look at the following links to the Parent Guides:

[Parents-Evening-How-to-make-an-appointment](#)

[Parents-Evening-How-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call](#)

As Director of Sixth form, I am keen to develop a learning ethos that revolves around the productive use of time! Sixth Formers should feel different when they are in Sixth Form than they do during their leisure time and with this in mind please do familiarise yourselves with our dress code in our [Sixth Form Handbook](#)

Good attendance is vital. The Sixth Form day starts in tutor groups at 8.30am sharp; students spend 20 minutes with their tutor, or in assembly, and then are either in lessons or "using their time productively" within college in their study periods. All Year 12 students are in school from 8.30am – 2.50pm unless, after lunch (from 12.50pm onwards), they have no more timetabled periods for the rest of the day. Please note that being allowed to go home after lunch if timetabled periods allow is a privilege not a right. If a student's attendance at registration in the morning falls below 95% the privilege will be withdrawn. Getting into a working routine is key to their success. Please talk at home about making the best use of independent study time outside of lessons. Level 3 courses require students to study in their own time for at least as many hours as they are timetabled in lessons for.

My vision is of a Sixth Form where extracurricular opportunities are just as important as academic success. I challenge the students to play a key role in driving change and leading on wider aspects of school life. We are always open to new ideas from the sixth form students and to approach us with new ideas for setting up new trips, visits, clubs and organisations. As such, we have appointed Andy David in a new role as Director of Student Leadership and Engagement, and he will help support the Academy Council with any ideas that come forward from the Sixth Form Leadership Team.

Following on from its successful introduction last year all Year 12s will follow our Employability Programme, the Aspirations Employability Diploma (AED). In addition, every Wednesday afternoon students are timetabled for Enrichment. In this time the majority of students do a variety of sports but there are also alternative opportunities on offer, for example our Paired Reading Programme, Debating, Mindfulness and First Aid. Please ensure students bring sport kit or dress appropriately for their activity on Wednesday afternoons. Aspirations aim **"to provide each individual student with the keys to a successful life and also give them the opportunity to compete on the global stage"**. Please talk at home about the importance of taking up opportunities as they arise, especially as we emerge from Covid restrictions. Students and parents have access to "Unifrog" online, which allows students to document their experience and research "Next Step" opportunities. I have asked Mr Miles to post a video about Unifrog on the Year 12 Google Classroom to help you get started if you have not used the platform before. If there are any parents able to offer enrichment opportunities to students, please do contact Andrea Miller (e-mail below), we would love to hear from you. Finally, please make sure students have paid their £10 student union contribution via "parent pay" to help the student union provide the best possible opportunities! Whether it's political activity, fundraising for our sponsored projects in Kenya or events management; getting involved in the Student Union provides lots of opportunities to make a positive contribution and gain valuable experience while doing so.

Starting on new courses is always a challenge, but the Sixth Form Team is committed to making the transition to level 3 for students as smooth as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact your ADoSF with any issue at all, either by email or via Jan Cockings on 01305 830560. If you would like to speak to either myself or your ADoSF on 23 September, simply select their name on the School Cloud system.

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I look forward to sharing a productive year with you all!

Yours sincerely



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SIXTH FORM KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Monday 20 - Friday 24 September
Thursday 23 September

Right Move week
Yr 12 Tutor Consultation Evening 4-8pm

OCTOBER

Friday 1 October

Friday 15 October
Friday 22 October

25 – 29 October

INSET DAY

Oxbridge/Medicine/Veterinary Science Application deadline
Yr 13/14 Reports issued

Half Term Week

NOVEMBER

Thursday 11 November

Friday 26 November

Monday 29 November

Tuesday 30 – Friday 10 December

Sixth Form Open Evening

INSET DAY

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Sixth Form Progress Fortnight (1)

DECEMBER

Thursday 9 December

Thursday 16 December

Friday 17 December

20 December –3 January

Yr 13/14 Parent/Teacher Consultation

Senior Prize Giving

Term ends

Christmas Holiday

JANUARY

Monday 4 January

Saturday 15 January

Spring term begins

UCAS Application final deadline

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 16 February

Monday 28 Feb - Friday 18 March

21 - 25 February

Student Union Election Day (tbc)

Yr 13 Mock Exams (2)

Half Term Week

MARCH

Tuesday 1 March

Monday 28 March - Friday 8 April

Yr 12 UCAS Parents' Information Evening (6-7pm) -

Yr 13/14 HE Finance Parents Information Eve(7-8pm)

Sixth Form Progress Fortnight (2)

APRI

Monday 4 - Friday 8 April

Friday 8 April

Wednesday 6 April

Monday 11 - Friday 22 April

Sixth Form Rag Week

Sixth Form Non Uniform day for Kenya

Yr 12 HE Convention - Bournemouth University

Easter Holiday

Monday 25 April

Summer Term begins

MAY

Monday 2 May

Monday 9 - Friday 13 May

Monday 16 May – Friday 18 June

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

May Day Bank Holiday

Yr 12 End of Year exams

Public Examination Session (tbc)

Half Term Week

JUNE

Tuesday 14 June

Thursday 23 June

Thursday 23 June

Friday 24 June

Wednesday 29 June

Yr 12 Parents' Evening

Sixth Form Final Assembly Period 5

Sixth Form Leavers Dinner

INSET Day (AAT)

Next Step interviews

JULY

Friday 8 July

Friday 8 July

Friday 22 July

Next Step Day

Yr 12 reports issued

Academic Year ends