

March 2022

Dear Year 12 Sixth Form Student & Parent / Carer

I hope this letter finds you all well. With things pretty much back to normal in school, I would like to take this opportunity to confirm important Sixth Form dates for your diaries:

- **Year 12 Next Step Parent's Evening - 6.00pm Tuesday 22nd March in Clare Hall**
- **Drive Safe Stay Alive presentation - Wednesday 23rd March 1.50pm - 3.30pm Clare Hall**
- **Post 16 Drugs and Alcohol Presentation - Wednesday 30th March - 1.50pm - 2.50pm Clare Hall**
- **Sixth Form RAG fundraising week - Monday 4th April - Friday 8th April 2022**
- **Year 12 HE Day – Wednesday 6th April during the school day at Bournemouth University**
- **Year 12 End of Year Exam period - Tuesday 3rd May - Friday 13th May**

Next Step Evening Wednesday 22nd March 2022 - The Sixth Form Leadership Team will summarise the progression opportunities available to students after Sixth Form and explain the careers programme the students will follow, including details of the UCAS application process for university courses. Approximately 70% of Budmouth Year 13s tend to progress to university, so importantly, we also talk about employment and apprenticeship opportunities during this evening; please do come along if you can.

Drive Safe Stay Alive presentation - Wednesday 23rd March 1.50pm - 3.30pm Clare Hall - Now that The lifting of Covid restrictions allow us to have external visitors in again, and we have invited the emergency services in to deliver their hard-hitting presentation about the dangers of driving. It is designed to save lives. All Yr 12 students are required to attend, however, if you know that your son/daughter is likely to be upset by a presentation on this topic please do let us know.

Post 16 Drugs and Alcohol Presentation - Wednesday 30th March - 1.50pm - 2.50pm Clare Hall. I am pleased to say that we have the excellent Jane Keyworth in on the 30th to talk to the students about drugs. All students are required to attend this session during enrichment on Wednesday 30th March. Please talk to your son/daughter about this presentation.

Higher Education Day (HE Day) Tuesday 6th April 2022 - Every year we arrange a coach trip for all Year 12 students to attend a UCAS event. There will be representatives present from most Universities, Further Education Colleges and Art and Design Colleges. Our students will be able to talk to students and lecturers about the courses on offer, ask all the questions they might wish to and speak to admissions tutors about the grades they should expect for different courses. Prior to our visit, work will be done during tutor time to ensure that the students get the most from this opportunity (this will include registering individually for the event online). The Convention helps students begin to make an informed choice about their future and therefore all Year 12s are expected to attend. We have booked two coaches to transport the students to the event. To book a place for your son/daughter please use Parent Pay 360 (formerly SIMs Pay) to book an £8.00 ticket. In addition to the £8.00 for transport students will need to bring a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch while they are at Bournemouth University.

Employment and Training (E & T) – We are very conscious that not all students choose to go on to Higher Education and that during the university application process this “E & T” group of students can sometimes feel neglected, but please be reassured that this is certainly not the case. During our Next Step process we will have visits from apprenticeship providers and sessions in our CEIL will be available during Year 13 to help this group of students plan for their future. ***We would still encourage students not thinking of university at this stage to go on the HE day trip so they can make an informed choice next year.***

RAG week 4th - 8th April. Firstly, a huge thank you to Chris Poole, Bryony-Mai Green, Beau Pointing Amy-Leigh Marson and Toby Scriven, our outgoing Sixth Form Union Executive. They did a fantastic job during unprecedented times. Our newly elected Sixth Form Union Executive: Hayden Kitson, Casey Bardell, Erin Ginnifer, Harry Harris and Teeanon Quarry, are busy organising a fundraising RAG week in the last week of this term straight after a very successful collection for refugees from Ukraine. It is so nice to be arranging this sort of community activity again post covid; please do encourage your son/daughter to get involved. Money raised will go towards our sponsored students in Wiru Kenya and towards future expeditions.

Year 12 exams begin on 3rd May. These are important exams for all Year 12s. They are our best indicator of how well students are doing but also whether they are on the right courses. Please talk to your son/daughter about preparing for these exams just as if they were public exams. Importantly, students not passing will be asked to resit. If they should not pass on the second occasion they may not be able to progress to Year 13.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Next Step information evening.

Yours sincerely



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