



April 2022

Dear Year 12 Parent/Carer and Student

I would like to write to our year 12 sixth form families to thank everyone for their support this term and their valued contribution to sixth form life. This term has been a busy one both for studies and for SMSC. We have enjoyed some great assemblies, given predominantly by our sixth form tutors; these have incorporated an insight into their lives outside of the classroom, combined with themes of importance that they feel passionately about, such as drug and addiction awareness, mental health and male well being. Our programme will continue next term with our regular assembly schedule.

I would now like to give you some key dates and information:

Year 12: Thursday 7th April pd 2 (9.45am-10.50am) We are delighted to announce that **Mims Davies (MP)** will be visiting our year 12 students to give a presentation and talk about her work and career as a member of parliament. This forms part of our SMSC programme and attendance is obligatory. I would like to thank the members of our sixth form debating group for helping to coordinate this event. **Please note our 8.25am assembly will NOT take place on 7th April.**

Year 12 Futures and UCAS day: Thursday 9th June. This is a vital day for personal statement and application and CV writing. There will be outside providers as well as dedicated sessions led by Mrs Bush and me.

Year 12 Student leadership team: Thank you to all those who have applied for the leadership team. Interviews for theme positions will take place after Easter. Our current year 13 leadership team have done a fantastic job being wonderful ambassadors for Sackville Sixth form and for the whole school community. We will thank them more formally when the new team takes over.

Year 12 Form tutors: in case of problems, please in the first instance always contact your child's form tutor. **Absences are reported to Mrs Barden.**

Year 12 Student destinations

We would like to encourage students to start seriously considering their university and apprenticeship futures. Mrs Bush, Mrs Smith and I are running regular activities to support this and students all know how to research programmes of university study.

We are once again delighted to celebrate some outstanding university offers for our year 13 students. Well over 100 members of year 13 have applied to university. So far we have offers from many universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, Exeter, Warwick, Edinburgh, Bristol, Bath and Nottingham to name but a few. We have offers for a cross section of subjects, including Law, Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, Architecture, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence. We do hope our students meet their offers and can take up places at their desired locations.



Dress code in the sixth form

Whilst you are aware there is no formal sixth form uniform, we do ask students to adhere to a set of guidelines. Please can I remind you of these:

- no dramatic hair colour - if you have dyed your hair a dramatic and noticeable colour during school closure and holiday period, please can you allow time for this to grow or wash out before the beginning of term
- no visible piercings or tattoos
- appropriate clothing - this includes no visible undergarments and no tops that are excessively low cut or show large amounts of bare flesh and / or midriff.

We do ask students to remember we are an 11 – 18 years school, where students in years 7 - 11 are expected to observe a strict uniform code.

Please note we have year 12 Parents' Evening on Thursday 28th April. A letter was sent earlier today with the details.

Mr Watson and I would like to wish you all a very pleasant Easter. We look forward to welcoming all our students back to Sackville on **Monday 25th April**.

With best wishes



Mrs Helen Valentine

Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

Date	Year Group	Event
Thu 7th April	12	Presentation and Q&A with Mims Davies MP
Fri 8th April	12/13/14	End of spring term - school finishes at 2.35pm, there is no early finish
Mon 25th April	12/13/14	First day of summer term - return to school after the Easter break
Thur 28th April	12	Year 12 Parents' Evening - virtual Letter with details sent 6th April
Thu 9th June	12	UCAS and Futures Day