



April 2022

Dear Year 13/14 Student and Parent/Carer

I would like to write to our 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 13/14 Prom: Thursday 30th June at Salomons Estate in Tunbridge Wells. Details from the student leadership team and Mrs Barden to follow.

Yr 13/14: Terminal exams: We wish you well with your revision over the coming weeks. We would urge you to make a revision schedule for the holiday period which incorporates study and sufficient time for mental and emotional well being, so you return to school ready to approach the coming weeks with a refreshed state of mind. Students are now in receipt of their formal external exam timetable, so can plan an effective and meaningful schedule of the revision. If you have subject specific concerns, please contact your subject teacher in advance of the holidays. For other concerns, please contact your form tutor in the first instance.

Firming up university offers: The official deadline set by UCAs for this is **9th June**, so there is still time for students to make a considered and careful decision for this important choice.

Year 12/13/14 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 13/14: EPQ projects and presentations

Earlier this term, we enjoyed Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) presentations from a group of year 13 students who have finished writing their projects. Mrs Morris and I, along with supervisors are all very impressed with the presentations we listened to. These students have enjoyed this extended study project and also have lower university offers in some cases due to completion of their project.

Year 13/14 Student destinations

We are once again delighted to celebrate some outstanding university offers for our students. Well over 100 members of year 13/14 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.

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
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
Tues 26th April	13/14	Assembly in the canteen at 8.25am
Weds 11th May	13/14	Last day of lessons for years 13/14
Thu 9th June	13/14	Last day to reply to university offers
Thu 30th June	13/14	Year 13/14 Leavers' Prom at Salomons Estate, Tunbridge Wells - details to follow