

Welcome to our Sixth Form Newsletter.
Here you will find a summary of the week,
useful tips, career opportunities dates and
celebrations of successes!

KEY DATES

Mon 13th July: normal day of lessons
and **Mock Interviews**

Tues 14th July and Wed 15th July: Study Leave
and **rescheduled PPEs**

Thurs 16th July: normal day of lessons

Fri 17th July: normal morning of lessons, plus end
of term celebrations. School finishes at 12.30pm



Mock Interviews

We are excited to be running the Year 12 Mock Interview Day on **Monday 13th July**.

All Year 12 students will have a practice interview with external professionals from a wide range of industries and backgrounds, including several parents.

This is wonderful opportunity for our students and will be the 4th consecutive year we have run it. Feedback from both students and those interviewing is always so positive.

We can't wait to see our students do themselves and us proud.

As I am sure you can appreciate, this has been a big task to organise. Plus the external professionals who are coming in to school to interview are giving up their time to come in and do this. **It is therefore very important that students are in school and do not miss this opportunity. If students are absent on the day, our Pastoral Manager, Mrs Pasa, and our Head of Progress, Ms Paloscai, will be contacting home.**



Personal Statements

Some of our students took part in a session on developing strong personal statements with Joe Organ.

The session focused on what should be included in your personal statement, especially if you are considering applying at very popular universities or subjects.

Stepping stone structure for the first section

Learnt about x in school, found it interesting and wanted to learn more

Listened to a podcast episode about x, but wanted to follow up on new ideas

Read an academic article to clarify the new area

Joe's top tips for your personal statement:

- Be honest and reflective
- Keep your language clear and concise
- Critically engage with material
- Discuss rather than list activities
- Be specific
- Ask someone to proofread

By next Friday you will need to have completed your first draft that tutors should be able to check, please ask for support if you are struggling.



Year 12

This week has been warm and next week will also be a warm one. It is just as important to look after yourselves, especially with your PPE's coming up next week.

Use this [Heatwave guidance](#) from the NHS website to ensure you are looking after yourself properly.

Summer holidays are fast approaching; you have one more week of school and then you have completed your year 12 journey. Keep the momentum going, especially in your independent study time.



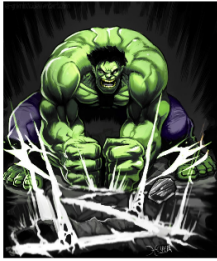


You have been smashing IT

Total praise points:
75,061

Clothes sale raised
£400

Parentines raised
£344



AMBITIOUS COLLABORATIVE HAPPY INTEGRITY ENDURANCE VERSATILITY EXCELLENCE

Your assembly on Wednesday proved how fantastic you have been as a year group. You should all be proud of yourselves, so let make sure to end the year on a positive as the role models of the lower years.

Just to reiterate, Mrs Beale has put a lot of time and effort getting professionals in to do the mock interviews. **It is not only important, but compulsory that you are in attendance on Monday.** Failure to attend would not only be a waste of Mrs Beales time and effort, but the time of the professionals who has taken time out of their working day to do this.



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Preparing for your Mock Interview.

1) Research:

The person interviewing you, their background and their roles
The company

2) Practise the questions – you may want to use the STAR Method for questions such as
Give an example of how you solved a problem in the past.
What do you consider your best accomplishment

3) How to impress on the day:

- **Don't just be on time: be early:** come 5 mins before your slot
- **Dress smartly** in summer uniform
- **Positive Body Language** (smile, a firm handshake, eye contact, NOT crossing your arms, nodding when they speak and sitting up straight)
- Show that you have done your **research**
- Show that you are interested **by asking them lots of questions**
- **Be confident** but don't be arrogant
- Take on board any **feedback** they give you – they are not there to criticise you but they may give you advice

