



Sixth Form Message

As part of the Sixth Form experience we offer students the opportunity to get involved in a wide range of extra curricular activities which are designed to give students the opportunity to gain additional soft and interpersonal skills which they can refer to when writing future applications or during interviews. Our motto is 'develop the person, develop the learning' a value which sits firmly alongside our commitment to deliver high quality teaching and drive academic success. I wanted to share with you a taste of the activities which our students have been getting involved in and touch on future opportunities so that you can support and encourage them further.

This week students have been raising funds for The British Heart Foundation, through the sale of hot chocolate to the junior school children, adding something a little different and fun on the run up to Christmas. Additionally, students have begun our junior school lunchtime handwriting and hearing readers clubs which are run by our Sixth Formers and support our younger students. Many students are already participating in enrichment roles such as subject champions and the role of teaching assistant is to begin upon our return in January. Please do encourage your child to get involved in the enrichment opportunities we have on offer; they really are great fun, build self confidence and are a great learning opportunity, developing skills employers really value.

With just one week to go before we break for the Christmas holidays it is of the utmost importance that students ensure they have an excellent understanding of what work and revision is expected of them during the holiday period. This applies particularly to those students who are taking part in their mock exams upon our return in January. Students can find a copy of the room they are allocated to for their exams on their Sixth Form Google Classroom and also a hard copy on the table as you enter the Sixth Form. Yr13s are not required to be in lessons during this time as they will be on study leave, until their final exam when they are then expected to attend Sixth Form every day as normal.

Next week we have a few celebratory events taking place. On Wednesday students are encouraged to wear their favourite Christmas jumper whilst they enjoy their Christmas dinner, available from the main school canteen. We also have our very own post box in the Sixth Form reception area and any cards posted will be delivered to students on the last day of term during first break.

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [Book and Latté Menu](#)
- [Year 12 - Year Group Photo \(Code: T3H-B9W-Q7HG.\)](#)
- [Year 12 - Studying tips/Product Design](#)

KEY DATES

Tuesday 7th January to Friday 17th January: Year 13 Mocks
Wednesday 22nd January: Year 13 Art and Photography Mock
Wednesday 29th January: Holocaust trip Periods 3 and 4
Friday 7th February: Criminology Parliament Trip
Thursday 6th March: Year 12 Parents Evening
Tuesday 25th March: Year 12 & 13 UCAS Discovery
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience

Sixth Form Early Closure P5 - Yr 12&13: Monday 20th January 2025 , Monday 9th June 2025.

SUPPORT

Emotional and Physical Support:

Mental Health Charity: [Young Minds](#)

HelpLines: [Samaritans](#)

Sexual Health: [iCaSH](#)

ETA Safeguarding: [Etonbury Safeguarding](#)

Academic Support:

Funding: [Harper Trust](#)

Funding: [Sutton Trust](#)

Bursary: [16 - 19 Bursary](#)

COMING UP

- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)
- Sixth Form Early Closure P5 Yr12&13: Thursday 12th December
- Christmas dinner will be served in the main school canteen: Wednesday 18th December

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Driving Lesson / Test - Permission Form: [Driving Permission Form](#)

Gym Permission Form: [Gym Permission Form](#)

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*All students are encouraged to have a LinkedIn account.

EXAM INFORMATION

Next term we are running Year 13 Mocks between the **7th and 17th January**. All students will now have a printed personalised copy of their timetables indicating rooms and seat allocations. Yr13s are not required to be in lessons during this time, until their final exam when they are then expected to attend Sixth Form every day as normal.

All external and mock examinations are run in accordance with JCQ regulations; therefore, it is important to familiarise yourself with the below documents:

[Information for Candidates - Written Examinations](#)
[Information for Candidates - Preparing to sit your exams](#)
[Information for Candidates - Social Media](#)
[Warning to candidates](#)

SHOUT OUTS!

Our Sixth Form - Fundraising Team raised an amazing **£400** for the British Heart Foundation through the sale of Hot Chocolate to our Junior School students during their morning break. Thank you and well done to all those students who volunteered!

If you would like to donate to this charity please click on the link below which will take you to our Sixth Form JustGiving page where you can make a donation.

[British Heart Foundation / ETA Just Giving Page](#)