

# Sixth Form Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to our fourth newsletter of the year. Another busy short half term, with students completing assessment week and preparing for end of year exams and assessments

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## Achievement

Well done to all sixth form students for their achievement in their recent tracking. Students, parents and carers who need to discuss these results further, please contact Mrs Alkarafi for further advice.

Well done to our Student of the Month winners:

February:

Year 12 Sonia O - Year 13 Jess L

March:

Year 12 Katie B - Year 13 Megan D



## Attendance Matters

Attendance to every lesson is vital at any point in the year but even more so now as we get closer to the end of year exams for year 13 and some year 12s. Every lesson has been carefully crafted to support students to build upon learning from the previous lessons, missing a segment can negatively impact on students understanding and success with the learning aims.

Sixth form students are encouraged to be on time to all lessons and make their best efforts to be in. Any missed learning must be caught up on.

**If students are going to be late or absent for any reason, they must email or call Mr Hughes and Mrs Alkarafi.**



A reminder that year 12 must attend their timetabled Personal Development hour with Mrs Alkarafi and Mr Hughes. This is every Week 2 on a Tuesday during Period 1. During this time, students have their assembly, cover their PSHE curriculum and have visiting speakers.

Year 12 must also attend the scheduled whole school PSHE time. This floats across every Week 2. The next one is Thursday 25th April. This is always 8.35am-9.45am. During this time, students are with their mentors and working on their personal goals to support destination progression.

## Assessment Focus

**End of year assessments start on 1st May.** Students will receive updated timetables shortly.

Report tracking has now been sent home. Please encourage students to work on the feedback from subject staff to support improvements in progress and attainment.

## Aspirations

Parents from across the academy are invited to join us for an evening with Edge Hill University. This event will be taking place in Arts Centre at 5pm on Thursday 25th April.

Parents and carers have been sent a separate communication requesting confirmation of attendance.



Edge Hill University

The event will focus a range of themes focusing on preparation for university life, suitability of courses and student finance.

Parents and carers are very much encouraged to attend.

## Home Learning Focus

A reminder for students, parents and carers- if students are regularly completing their Independent Learning Tasks of:

- 1.Silent Study
- 2.Directed Study
- 3.Home Learning



they are already making a great start towards revision and coursework completion. Keeping up with these tasks as selected by their subjects teachers will put students in a good position with their studies and in line with students work rate across the country. Any revision or extra work on top, sets students above their peers.

If students wish to stay and complete some independent work after 2.40pm, and are not scheduled to be in an intervention with their teachers, Directed Study is open until 4pm.

**Students must be supervised by a member of staff. They can check this daily with Mr Hughes and Mrs Alkarafi.**



## Reading Spotlight



Year 12 Criminology students have been reading the book series 'You' by Caroline Kepnes. The series is an interesting talking point for Criminology due to the emphasis on a number of theories.

included in the WJEC A Level specification. This includes the theories of criminal behaviour, deviance and the role of the media as well as stereotypes of victim and offender



## Curriculum Spotlight

The Science Faculty have done a number of interesting investigations recently. One of the most memorable being the year 13 decay investigation with maggots. The students were amazed at the results.

Year 12 also had a fish gills investigation where they dissected fish in Biology to have a first-hand view of the anatomy of a fish.

Well done to the Music Department and their fantastic Rock Night on 27th March. A number of sixth form students supported this even from sound and lighting, organisation and performance.

### Decay Investigation



### Fish Gills Dissection



Videos soon to be added to our YouTube channel!

# Trips and Events

Year 12 received a warm welcome on Friday 1st March on their visit to Edge Hill University. They got to see what the lecture halls and work rooms were like, and they were able to tour the beautiful campus grounds. The staff gave our students a wealth of information about university life and the breadth of study available at universities across the country.

On 12th March, during our PSHE morning, we had a visitor from North West Ambulance Service discussing the range of careers available. Students enjoyed learning about the daily duties and responsibilities as well as the routes to joining the service.



Year 13 attended the New York Rewards Trip during 15-19th March. The trip was a very busy tour of the city and sites including the Liberty Ferry to Liberty Island to see The Statue of Liberty and Staten Island.

We did a walking tour to see the Ghost Busters Fire Station which had a family event on to promote the new film. We got to go inside and meet staff who work at the Fire Station. We visited a number of shops and malls that students had requested including Macy's, Sephora The M and M shop. We also visited The Rockefeller Centre, The Empire State Building, Chelsea Market, Vessel, Hudson Yards and walked along The High Line. A Walk around Little Island gave students a great view of The Water's Soul sculpture, by Jaume Plensa, the artist who also made The Dream Sculpture at Sutton Manor.

In the evenings we spent our time in Times Square and had a meal at Ellen's Stardust Diner where students experienced a typical diner and karaoke by local Broadway students.



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