

# Sixth Form Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter of academic year 2023-2024. We have had a busy and lively start. This past half term, we have welcomed our new year 12 students, started our improved mentoring system, appointed our Student Leadership Team and had a number of trips to name but a few of the exciting developments in sixth form so far.

Mrs Alkarafi

Mr Hughes



Director of Sixth Form



Assistant Director of Sixth Form

## Attendance Matters

Students who have 100% attendance, higher their chances of academic and vocational success. Being in lesson, being present and participating, is the first step in being able to build upon prior knowledge. Students who have attended all lessons see the links between learning much easier and can apply that knowledge in their work.

Each week students who achieve 100% attendance are put into a prize draw by Mr Hughes. Winners receive a sweet treat of their choice.

## Achievement

Student Leadership Team. After a very busy week of application letters, formal interviews and deliberation of final posts, I can now confirm that we have appointed the following students in each role:

**Student Principal- Kallis Anders-Benyon**

**Student Vice Principal- Amy Hurst**  
**Student Vice Principal- Abbie Mills**

**Student Assistant Principal- Megan Railton**

**Student Assistant Principal- Aga Adeeko**

Please congratulate the students when you see them. There were 5 year 13s and 4 year 12s who applied, all students worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves.

## Curriculum Spotlight

Sport students have completed their First Aid Course as part of their BTEC qualification and further qualification of Sports Leaders. A number of other students have also expressed their interest and begun working on their Sports Leaders Award with the support of Mrs Whiteside and the PE faculty. Once completed, students will be awarded UCAS points to support with their UCAS applications.

We welcome students to seek out extra-curricular activities to support their personal development and ensure they build up experiences outside of their usual classroom or subject.



Doing so, also develops students accomplishments with our Values of Community, Resilience, Reflection and Kindness. All of these provide a repertoire of transferable skills and experiences that students can talk at length about in application forms and interviews. Setting them ahead and shining amongst their peers from other settings.



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## Assessment Focus

Sixth form students have been preparing for their upcoming assessments week commencing 27th November.

Year 12 assessment week 1 and Year 13 mocks.

Students have revision lists and materials to support them to revise including Knowledge Organisers. They have had an assembly led by Mrs Grace our Vice Principal. Mrs Grace explained the expectations for attitude to learning and how preparation is key. She explained the anxiety that might present during or before an exam and how best to manage this. A little bit of exam stress is normal, we know it is an important time. Clear strategies were given to support revision and how to time manage well for this. We want students to be well prepared and allow themselves to have the best chances and experience of practicing for external assessments.

Anyone who feels they need further support should always reach out to any member of staff. The Sixth Form Leadership Team and Mentors are always happy to help.

As an academy we are running a Revision Revolution competition launched by Mrs Grace. Students are encouraged to complete revision as modelled and practised with their teachers. Once completed each section they show their teachers who nominate them to Mrs Grace.

*There is a £25 prize for the winner of sixth form. The competition ends on 1st December.*

## Reading Spotlight

Students are reminded that they are welcome to use the academy library. There are a number of KS5 texts appropriate to their study. If students feel there are resources that are not in stock and could be of use to them, please come and see Mr Hughes or Mrs Alkarafi and we can look at getting this ordered.

All Sixth Form students now have access to JSTOR, a digital library of academic journals, books and primary sources. Students can log in and read through a plethora of verified reading to support their studies.



## Home Learning Focus

Independent learning has got off to a great start this year with students using their time wisely. Silent Study, Directed Study and Home Learning tasks are set to support students to work on their courses and chip away at revision, coursework deadlines as well as supporting them to work independently in preparation for their assessments.



We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in the academy from Friday 1st December to Wednesday 6th December. Buying books at the book fair will support our academy in receiving free books for our library. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the book fair too.

*Further information about the books available to buy, and the timings for the book fair, will be shared two weeks before.*





## Trips and Events

On Friday 15th September, our newest additions to The High Achievers Programme took a trip down to Oxford to attend the prestigious University's first open day of the academic year. The trip led by the High Achievers Coordinator Mr Bolton alongside Mrs Worrall, was blessed by glorious weather.

The University is the back drop for many scenes in Harry Potter, and students were amazed to see some of these famous locations whilst learning more about the history of Oxford.

The students even took a trip over to the renowned Hertford College, the infamous old stomping ground of a certain Mr Tootle.



## UK University & Apprenticeship Search Event

On Wednesday 17th October, year 13 attended the UK University & Apprenticeship Search Event at The LFC stadium led by Mrs Warrener our Key Stage 5 Destinations Lead. The cohort visited the event last year, so they knew what to expect, however this time, due in part to the extensive destinations program we run, they each has a real focus and many came with a plan of what they were intending to find answers to. This year, they really made use of the specialist advice at the event and

confidently approached the stalls to seek advice and support from the staff and representatives from each institution. The exciting conversations that were had during the event and on the journey back were filled with knowledgeable anticipation as students discussed how they had narrowed their choices down and discussed their action plans. It was great to see the difference in a year and how much more beneficial this trip is to year 13s as they make their final decisions. Many students updated their UCAS applications to confirm their options following this trip.

