



Midsomer Norton  
Schools Partnership  
The Sixth Form

## **Student / Parent Update 23.7.21**

Dear Parents and Students,

We come to the end of what has been an exceptionally strange academic year and the silence in the Sixth Form is not what I am used to for the end of an academic year. I hope that we are able to return to some semblance of normality next year and that your Year 13 is able to end in a busy and noisy way.

I am exceptionally proud of the students and the way in which they have approached online learning and the determination they have approached their studies. I know that this determination will buoy them through to successful outcomes at the end of Year 13.

There are number of tasks the students need to complete over the summer break:

1. To organise their folders and notes to make sure they are organised to make a good start in September.
2. Complete work experience, even if it is virtual, if they need it for their next destination application.
3. To complete revision for their in class assessments in September. Teacher will have told students what they need to cover. I would suggest they try to get this done early on in the holidays.
4. Finally, the most important thing is for them to have a break! It has been a challenging year for all and a good break will allow them to return in September refreshed and ready to face the demands of Year 13.

I know for some students it can be hard over the holidays and there is information on our website of support available from various organisations to help with students wellbeing, as well as guides on how to cope with things such as anxiety and stress:

<https://www.msnsixth.com/copy-of-students-and-parents-1>

### **Start of term in September**

Year 13 will return to school on Tuesday 7th September and will need to be in school at 8.50 for an extended tutor time first thing in the morning. The tutor bases will be posted on your year group classroom for you as there will have been some minor changes to these.

From September, Ms Taggart will be on maternity leave next year and so Ms Barker-Starling will take over as the Deputy Director of Sixth Form on the Writhlington site in Ms Taggart's absence. I know she will do an exceptional job in supporting the students, in the same way Ms Taggart has done this year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents on behalf of the Sixth form team for your support over this year. It has been a tough year for the students but they have been helped by the fantastic support you provide your children in approaching online learning and the difficulties of self isolating.

We wish everyone a good summer break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed in September!

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Ward". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

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