

## **Sixth Form update**

Dear Parents and Students,

We've been really impressed this week at how the Sixth Formers have coped with the return to school. The Year 13 have dealt with the challenge of the start of term formal assessments well and we have had some good feedback from subject staff about the quality of the work being produced. Year 12 have made a good start to their lessons and are using their study time wisely already.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few issues:

### **The gate accessing the Norton Hill site**

We are aware that this is not ideal and we are looking for a solution to this in the longer term, but all satisfactory solutions are not going to be solved in the near future. We will open the gates at the times indicated to the students and listed below. However students are still able to access the site at other times. We are asking students to try to use these times where possible and to not pop out frequently to the local shop. If a student needs to leave site at another time they need to ask at the Sixth Form reception or call from outside on 01761 402280.

### **Studying on site**

Students are more than welcome to remain on site all day and to use the Sixth Form centre for study. We are reviewing the use of the Library now that the term has started and we are confident we will be able to open this from Monday for silent study for some lessons. We will update with this information later in the week. Students can work from home if this is productive and convenient for them, but must make sure they sign out when they leave.

### **Signing in/ out**

Students must sign in and out of site and Year 13 are now able to use their ID cards to do this electronically. They simply need to hold their card near the thumbprint machine until it beeps. Year 12 students will be able to do this when they receive their ID cards next week. Until this point Year 12 should continue to sign in and out on the paper lists in the foyer of the Sixth Form centre.

### **Canteen**

Sixth Form students can still use the canteen from 1.30 until 1.45. Year 13 students can now use their ID cards to pay and Year 12 need to continue to give their names to the staff in the canteen to pay.

### **Somervale Sixth Form Centre**

We're pleased to let you know that from tomorrow the Somervale Sixth Form centre will be open for students to use. They should only go there or their subject classrooms and need to use the Sixth Form allocated toilet, which is next to the medical room. If students need a

gate code to be able to access the site outside their lessons then they need to see Ms Oxley-Hughes. The protocol for going to subject lessons at Somervale remains the same and subject teachers will meet students at the front gates.

### **Tutor time**

Students need to attend their year group tutor time sessions if they are on site. These are from 10.30 - 10.45 and the rooms for these are displayed in the sixth form centre each day. For those who are on home study they need to access the resources remotely on their google classroom classwork page for their year group. The codes for the classrooms are Year 12 - [ktwwhrw](#) Year 13 - [ayqsgv4](#)

Tutors will be running more mentoring sessions during this period to ensure students continue to receive good quality advice and guidance whilst they are spending more time working off site. Tutors will be contacting students to ask them to join tutor google classrooms and also to arrange mentoring appointments.

### **Year 12 Parents information evening**

We would normally run an parents information evening at this point in the year, but due to Covid restrictions this will be pre-recorded and released on Thursday. If you have any concerns or questions in the mean time or following the presentation please email [sixthformadmin@msnsixth.com](mailto:sixthformadmin@msnsixth.com) or call 01761 402280.

### **Year 13 HE information evening**

Following the extensive programme of online sessions and google meets last summer, we would normally be running an information evening covering HE applications and HE finance. As for the Year 12 evening this will be pre-recorded and released on Friday evening. If you have any concerns or questions in the mean time or following the presentation please email [sixthformadmin@msnsixth.com](mailto:sixthformadmin@msnsixth.com) or call 01761 402280.

### **Extension Work booklet/ Coursework Deadlines booklet/ Subject Advice for Parents booklet**

These are all available on the parents section of the website.

We would like to thank both parents and students for their ongoing patience and support at this difficult time and as always please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any further queries.

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