

Sixth Form Update 20.9.21

We have completed the first full week of the new term and it already feels like the students have been here for much longer. Everyone has settled in really well to the new term and there has been positive feedback from all of the teachers about the positive approach students are taking to their work.

Photos

All year 12 students have had their photos taken and have been given proofs of these should they wish to buy a copy. If students have not had their photo please ask them to see Mrs Parker on the MSN site and Ms Barker-Starling at the Writhlington site. All year groups will have had their year group pictures taken by the end of next week and these will also be available for students to purchase. **Deadline for ordering is Monday 4th October 2021.**

Lanyards

Year 12 students will receive their ID cards over the next week and Year 13 already have theirs. These need to be worn at all times with their lanyards. This is very important for safeguarding purposes so we can ensure only students are able to access the site. This is something that students will need to get used to as it is a requirement at universities and most workplaces.

Dress Code

We do not have a uniform in the Sixth Form but we do have a dress code the full version of which can be found in student planners. Students are not allowed to wear clothing which has exposed midriff and should ensure clothing is of an appropriate length. Exceptionally short skirts and hot pant style shorts are not permitted. Students are also not allowed to wear strappy tops, and underwear should not be seen. Hair colours should be a colour which could be considered to be natural.

Punctuality and attendance at tutor

The student's tutor is key to supporting students in the Sixth form, consequently tutor time is compulsory for all sixth form students. If Year 13 students have home study periods in the afternoon then they are expected to attend tutor time before they leave the site. Students must make sure that they are on time for tutor in the morning which starts at 8.50am

Parents Information Evening

The parents information evening took place on Monday 6th September and was sent out to all year 12 parents. The link is here is you missed it:

<https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/crQ1DmVQA1i>

You may need to cut and paste it into your browser if this link does not work. It might also be useful for Year 13 parents as it goes over the requirements and expectations for SixthForm students.

Website

There is also a lot of information on the front page of the Sixth Form website to help parents understand how they can support students. There is the Parent Handbook, Coursework Deadlines information, Subject Advice for parents with information from all subjects. There is also a copy of the Extension work which has been set by each department for students to complete in their study time over the year to deepen their understanding of their subjects.

<https://www.msnsixth.com/>

Bursary

Sixth Form students eligible for the Bursary may request support with essential items and resources necessary for their courses. The Bursary application form is now live; students can access this via the Student & Parent tab on our website www.msnsixth.com

Students who were in receipt of Bursary funding last year must also reapply; the entitlement does not carry over into the new academic year.

If you have any questions regarding the Bursary please do not hesitate to contact Ms Parker on 01761 402280.

Covid Testing and Symptoms

We would urge students to continue to test themselves twice a week and to let us know if the test is positive and to log it online : <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

If students are symptomatic then they should book a PCR test as the Lateral Flow Home tests are designed to pick asymptomatic cases.

Symptoms are

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

A headache, sore throat or a runny nose can also be symptoms of the Delta variant of coronavirus.

Covid Vaccinations

All Sixth Form students are eligible for a Covid Vaccination if they wish. The government has produced a leaflet for further information. This is here if you wish to find out more:

<https://tinyurl.com/pub6puke>

Facebook

We try to put as much information on Facebook as possible so it's worth following our page.

Our page name is 'The Sixth Form MNSP'. Please be aware that we don't respond to messages on facebook. If you want to contact us please use

sixthformadmin@msnsixth.com.

If you have queries please don't hesitate to get in touch

Kind regards



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