

# Sixth Form Update 13.5.21

The government has now confirmed the changes that are taking place from 17th May. This means that students are not required to wear face masks in either classrooms or communal areas, however students are free to do so if they wish. Students must wear facemasks if they are travelling on either public transport or school buses. Students still need to continue to complete the Covid Tests twice a week and will be receiving an additional pack of tests or will have already received them. After half term, when Year 13 are no longer required to attend lessons, Year 12 students will become a bubble and this means that we will not need to have divisions in the Sixth Form areas on both sites. There may be some changes on sites as schools adapt their arrangements to the changes in regulations and we will make sure you are made aware of any changes before the half term break.

### **Year 13 Leavers Events and Teacher Assessed Grade Assessments**

Year 13 Teacher Assessed Grade Assessments are progressing well and students seem to be focussed on these. It is important that students maintain their focus on these until the end. Lessons will continue until Thursday 27th May and we expect students to attend. Teachers have planned activities for them and in some cases they may need students to produce additional evidence to support their teacher assessed grades.

There will be no lessons for Year 13 on Friday 28th May; Year 13 students will have been informed directly of the Leavers plans for their individual site, if they have any queries then they should contact either Ms Oxley-Hughes or Ms Taggart. We would like all students to complete the following clearance questionnaire to confirm planned destinations and also to give us some feedback on their experience of life in the Sixth Form.

# https://forms.gle/PVrX5mtSWTaEkezE6

Students can return any textbooks they have either to teachers in their final lessons or to the book return boxes in the Sixth Form centre. We are happy to have any school books they may have forgotten they borrowed.

# Year 12

Year 12 end of year exams will take place the week beginning 7th June. There will be no lessons that week as students will be on study leave and not required to attend, however both Sixth Form centres will be open should students wish to use the space to study. Students have been sent the timetable and they can see their exam times on the portal/Insight.

Students return from study leave on Monday 14th June and will be back in normal lessons on the MSN Sixth site, but will have a HE preparation day on the Writhlington site before normal lessons return on Tuesday 15th June. The MSN Sixth site will have allocated sessions over a number of weeks for HE preparation and students will be informed of timings for these directly.

We will expect students to attend all day every day and not just attend for lessons as the Covid restrictions are now easing. Students should attend tutor for all sessions in the first week (14th June). Students can then agree with their tutor, periods of time they can have as home study, if teachers feel that they are working well. There may be some students who must work on site if they are not making expected progress in some of their subjects.



Students will also be expected to wear lanyards and ID cards at all times. These will be issued to them during the first tutor time following the end of year exams. If a student has lost their ID card they can purchase a new one on Parent Pay.

# **Upcoming dates**

Year 12 Parents Evening: Thursday 15th July

A Level and BTEC Results day: Tuesday 10th August

Other Opportunities:

**UK University & Apprenticeship Search** virtual fair is taking place on **Wednesday 26th May**. Students, and parents can register now <u>here.</u>

## **University of Bath UCAS Application Conference**

Overwhelmed by the choice of universities and courses? Confused by UCAS? Struggling to write your Personal Statement? Join the University of Bath's UCAS Application Conference to find out all you need to know to make a successful UCAS application.

### **Key Details:**

- Tuesday 1 St June from 9:30-13:00
- Open to Y12 / S5 students UK wide
- Personal statements (how to write a stand out application)
- Introduction to UCAS and how it works
- Choosing the right course / university
- Limited spaces so please book on ASAP if interested

# **Application Link:**

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Universtiy-of-Bath

Kind regards

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