



5th October 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 13 Home Study

As our students progress through the Sixth Form, we aim to increase the amount of freedom and independence that they are given in preparation for their move towards employment, university or college. As part of this process, we allow certain Year 13 students, who we believe will use the time wisely, to take 'home study'. These students are selected on the basis of their A2L scores, their attendance, punctuality and overall performance to date.

Home study gives students the flexibility to study at home for parts of selected days. The expectations are that students use the time to do school work rather than stay in bed for an extra hour or so. The days are dependent upon a student's timetable and, of course, the availability of transport to and from school. There are several key rules regarding home study which I would like to outline below:

- Home study must be negotiated in advance with a student's tutor and can only be taken on the agreed days
- Students can negotiate to miss up to four registrations per fortnight. These registrations must not be consecutive, eg: Thursday pm and Friday am
- Students must attend registration on Tuesday am (Year 13 assembly) and also Monday am week 2 (tutor time)
- No Wednesday afternoons
- Students opting to take a morning session as home study must be in school by 11.20am
- Students opting to take an afternoon session cannot leave school until 1pm
- Under no circumstances can home study be used for paid employment
- Home study is a privilege which can be withdrawn should a student fail to comply with these, or any other, school rules or if they are underachieving in their studies
- Monitoring results deemed unsatisfactory by a student's tutor will result in home study being withdrawn
- Similarly, students need to maintain their attendance at a minimum of 90% and ensure punctuality to all lessons and tutor periods

If you are happy for your son/daughter to make use of this privilege, please sign and return the slip below to their tutor.

We are working hard to ensure that all our students' final year in school is a great success. Students who are applying to university this year are currently completing their online application through UCAS and they are working with their tutors to complete a personal statement. The school deadline for this is 1st December 2017. For our Medical and Oxbridge

students the deadline is 15th October; please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Berry (UCAS advisor) or Mrs McCarthy (Oxbridge) if you have any queries regarding this process. A UCAS clinic is held each Friday lunchtime in the Sixth Form Learning Centre.

For our Apprenticeship, Careers and Employment students we have plenty of opportunities this year. Mrs Hopkins (ACE co-ordinator) has organised a number of visits to careers fayres and events. **The Next Steps evening is on Thursday 9th November 2017 in the Main Hall 6pm-8pm.** It will host a selection of universities, colleges, national and local employers and apprenticeships stands. Mrs Hopkins will be available to help with any applications, and students may also seek support through the ACE clinic, which is held on Friday lunchtimes in the Sixth Form Learning Centre.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Natalie Cross.

Natalie Cross
Head of Sixth Form



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Student's name Tutor Group

I give permission for the above named student to take home study. I understand that this means they will not be under school supervision during these periods.

Signed (Parent/Guardian) Date