

NEWSLETTER

Message from Post 16 Team

As Year 13 exams are now very nearly upon us, this is the moment that all the hard work, dedication and preparation of the past two years truly comes together. Last week, Mrs Hanna spoke to Year 13 students in assembly, delivering an important and timely reminder to 'lock in', to focus, commit and give these final weeks absolutely everything they have got.

The message was clear: now is the time to eliminate distractions, establish a consistent revision routine and approach every remaining study session with real purpose and intent. Parents can play a vital role in supporting their son or daughter through this crucial period in a number of ways, ensuring there is a calm, quiet space at home for revision, helping to maintain a healthy balance between focused study and adequate rest, and keeping an eye on their wellbeing as the pressure builds.

Encouraging regular breaks, good sleep habits and nutritious meals may sound simple, but these things make a genuine difference to performance. It is also worth keeping the lines of communication open, sometimes students simply need to feel heard and supported rather than quizzed on their progress. If parents have any concerns about their child's preparation, motivation or wellbeing during this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to our sixth form team, who are here to help every step of the way.



Some celebrations

We are absolutely thrilled to congratulate two of our students on truly outstanding achievements.

Natalie in Year 13 has secured a place at the prestigious National Youth Theatre for the August summer course which is an incredible accomplishment given that the NYT receives over 6,500 applicants each year for only around 500 places, meaning with an acceptance rate of just 8%, a place at the National Youth Theatre is extraordinarily hard to come by. Alumni of the NYT include the likes of Daniel Craig, Helen Mirren and Kate Winslet, so Natalie is in exceptional company and we have no doubt she will shine.

Equally, we want to celebrate Alfie in Year 13, who has shown tremendous initiative and ambition in securing an apprenticeship with ACAA, which he will undertake alongside his further education studies next year; a fantastic achievement that demonstrates his commitment to building real-world experience while continuing to develop academically.

We are so proud of you both; this is just the beginning!

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE AFTER SCHOOL?

Discover Career Pathways Your Child Can Start **Without University**

For parents of young people aged 15-18
Get clear, practical guidance to help your child make confident career decisions.

In this FREE session, you'll learn:

- Learn What apprenticeships really are
- Get answers in a live Q&A
- Hear about STEM, service & professional careers
- Hear directly from top employers
- Discover how to support your child

Event Details

Date: Thursday 30th April
Time: 6-7:30pm
Location: Online

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Avoid costly mistakes and support a successful future.

Pathway CTM are hosting a Parent Apprenticeship Event, to continue supporting parents in understanding the opportunities available to their children.

This session is designed to give parents clear, practical insights into apprenticeships, helping them feel more confident in supporting their child's future decisions.

Please register using:

<https://pathwayctm.com/events/registration-confirmation/?eid=122388&zid=84555309988&zt=Webinar&za=primary>

Year 12 UCAS Hub Opens- 11th May

We would like to remind parents and students that the UCAS application portal opens on 12th May, and it is never too early to start preparing. A strong UCAS application takes time and careful thought, so we encourage families to begin having conversations now about university choices, course options and future ambitions. Students should start researching universities and their entry requirements, attending any upcoming open days, and thinking carefully about their personal statement, arguably the most important part of the application; which should reflect their passion for their chosen subject, relevant experiences and personal qualities.

Parents can play a hugely supportive role by helping their son or daughter stay organised and on track, encouraging them to speak with their form tutor or our dedicated sixth form team if they need guidance, and ensuring they are aware of any subject-specific requirements such as admissions tests or portfolio submissions. It is also worth students beginning to think about who they would like to ask for their academic reference, and having a conversation with that teacher sooner rather than later. With the portal opening on 12th May, the time to start preparing is right now — and as always, our team is here to support every student through each step of the process.

Dates for your diary

5th May- Year 12 Law Trip- Criminal Courts
11th May- UCAS Hub Opens Year 12
29th Jun- 3rd July- Year 12 Work Experience

Key 2026 A-Level Exam Details:
Start Date: Monday 11 May 2026.
End Date: Tuesday 23 June 2026.
Contingency Day: Wednesday 24 June 2026.
Results Day:
Thursday 13 August 2026.

