

# NEWSLETTER

## Message from Post 16 Team

As we enter one of the busiest and most important periods of the sixth form calendar, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to keep you informed of the key events ahead. External examinations are now underway for our Year 13 students, and we ask that you continue to encourage them to attend every session, manage their time effectively at home, and maintain a healthy balance between study and rest.

For our Year 12 students, AS assessments have begun and mock examinations are fast approaching. This is an excellent opportunity for them to experience formal exam conditions and identify areas for further development; please do encourage them to be treating this period with the same seriousness as their older peers. Additionally, Year 12 Work Experience is on the horizon, and further details will be shared below.

Your support at home truly makes a difference; whether that is ensuring a calm revision environment, helping with organisation, or simply offering encouragement. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about your child's progress or wellbeing.

## Year 12 Work Experience

Work Experience is a truly valuable experience for our Year 12 students, providing them with the opportunity to develop a range of key skills including communication, time management, teamwork and professional conduct – all of which will be highly regarded by both universities and future employers. It also gives students a chance to explore potential career paths and gain a real insight into the world of work beyond the classroom. With Work Experience fast approaching, we would ask that this weekend you encourage your son or daughter to be proactive in securing a placement – whether that is visiting local businesses directly or reaching out to family contacts who may be able to help. The ability to arrange their own placement is itself a wonderful exercise in initiative and confidence, so please do support them in taking that first step.

## Year 13 Information

To support our Year 13 students through this crucial examination period, we have put a number of provisions in place and ask that all Year 13 students continue to attend school and all timetabled lessons as normal. Targeted revision sessions are being arranged ahead of every examination, students with a morning exam will receive dedicated revision support on the afternoon prior, while those with an afternoon exam will be timetabled to work with their subject teacher on the morning of the exam itself. We strongly encourage all students to make use of these sessions as they are designed to give them the best possible preparation.

In addition, breakfast will be available to all Year 13 students every morning in The Canteen from 8am, and students are warmly welcome to arrive early to make use of the canteen or common room as a quiet space to revise. We believe that routine, preparation and a calm environment are key to performing well, and we are committed to providing all of this for your child during this important time.



## Free Parent & Carers Webinar on University Applications- Year 12

**Finding the right fit: Help your child handle university applications and offers**

**Thinking about your child's next steps after school, but not sure how to help them?**

**On Thursday 11th June from 5:30–6:30pm**, you're invited to a free and friendly one-hour online webinar for parents and carers who want to better understand how to support their child to make confident, ambitious, and realistic higher education choices.

Working out how to apply to a university successfully can feel like a daunting task. Fears about getting a place can mean some students choose universities or courses that don't fully reflect their abilities. There may be more options within reach for them than they think, even if no one in your family has been to university before. This informal, one-hour webinar is for all parents and carers who want to support their young people to make informed and ambitious choices and find the right match for them, whether you have been to university yourself or not.

The webinar is delivered by Causeway Education, with contributions from:

- University of Bristol • London School of Economics • The Sutton Trust • Young people who have been through the process sharing their own experiences

We will:

- Share practical ways to support your young person with applications
- Help you feel more confident encouraging ambitious but realistic choices
- Explain what 'undermatch' is
- Hold a live Q&A, where no question is too small or too obvious to ask

Event details:

- Date: Thursday 11th June
- Time: 5:30–6:30pm
- Where: Online via Team

Everyone who signs up will receive:

- A link to the recording of the webinar
- A one-page summary of key points, helpful tips, and next steps you can make

Register here: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/166445a3-3654-4352-939e-0cc57a28a9fa@c9ab2de7-b8e2-4ac7-87b4-41d4f00d84f7>

## Open Days- Year 12

University open days are a fantastic opportunity for students to explore their options and make truly informed decisions about their next steps, and universities are currently offering a wide range of experiences across the country. We strongly encourage you to sit down with your son or daughter to research and decide which universities they would like to visit, and to book places as soon as possible as spaces can fill up quickly. Please be aware that, as outlined in the student handbook, any requests for time out of school to attend a university open day can only be considered once a student has already attended a minimum of two open days in their own time, such as at weekends. We ask that you support your child in planning these visits accordingly. It is also worth noting that Early Entry applications to university take place in October, and students who are eligible to apply at this stage are often in the strongest position to receive the best offers. With this in mind, we would urge families to treat open day planning as a priority over the coming weeks.

## Dates for your diary

11th May- UCAS Hub Opens Year 12  
25th- 31<sup>st</sup> May- Half Term  
15th June- 26<sup>th</sup> June- Year 12 Mock Exams  
23<sup>rd</sup> June- UCAS Discover Day- NEC  
29<sup>th</sup> Jun- 3<sup>rd</sup> July- Year 12 Work Experience  
6th July- Ecton Valley Trip  
June & July- Year 12 Mock Assessment Centres (3 dates)

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.