

NEWSLETTER

Message from Post 16 Team

Year 13 End of Year Arrangements

As summer exams are now well underway, we are introducing a staggered Study Leave arrangement for Year 13 students beginning after half term. Students will no longer be required to attend lessons for subjects in which their exams have been completed.

Please be aware that compulsory revision sessions will continue for subjects where exams are still outstanding. A timetable of remaining exams and these compulsory sessions has been shared with students, and attendance at these is expected as normal within usual lesson times.

Students should continue to come into school until all of their exams are finished.

Finally, we are delighted to invite all Year 13 students to a Celebration Assembly at 12:50pm on Friday 19th June at the academy – a wonderful opportunity to reflect on two years of hard work and achievement.

We congratulate all of our Year 13 students on their efforts so far and wish them every success in completing their A-level studies.



Year 13 Information

We are writing to share a well-deserved update as we reach the halfway point of the Year 13 examination period.

We are incredibly proud of the manner in which our Year 13 students have conducted themselves throughout their exams so far. The dedication, resilience and maturity they have shown – both in their preparation and in the examination hall – is a true reflection of the young adults they have become. It has been a pleasure to see them rise to the challenge, and we wanted to make sure that as parents and carers, you heard that directly from us.

A reminder of expectations for the second half of the exam period:

- Students should continue to arrive on time for all remaining examinations, ensuring they know their exam dates, times and room allocations in advance
- Mobile phones and smart devices must not be taken into the examination hall
- Students should bring the correct equipment – black pen, pencil, ruler and any permitted materials for their specific subject
- Any concerns about an exam, including illness on the day, should be reported to the Sixth Form team as early as possible so that we can put appropriate support in place

Looking after wellbeing – the final stretch of any exam season can feel demanding. Please do encourage your son or daughter to maintain a healthy balance between focused revision and adequate rest. We would rather they arrive calm and prepared than exhausted from over-revision.

Supporting Your Year 12 Student Through Mock Exams- Year 12

We wanted to take a moment to keep you informed and involved as we approach a really important milestone for our Year 12 students. Mock examinations will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 15th June, and we would encourage all parents and carers to help create the best possible conditions for your son or daughter to perform at their best.

Here are a few simple but effective ways you can support at home:

Encourage a revision routine – even an hour of focused revision each evening, broken into manageable chunks, can make a significant difference. Ask your child to share their revision timetable with you so you know when they are working and when they are taking breaks.

Support good sleep and wellbeing – it can be tempting for students to revise late into the night, but rest is just as important as revision. Encourage a regular sleep routine and make sure they are eating and staying hydrated.

Take an interest without adding pressure – asking "How did it go today?" rather than "How do you think you did?" can make conversations feel more supportive and less stressful.

Remind them that mocks are a learning tool – the purpose of mock exams is to identify strengths and areas for development ahead of the real thing. A difficult mock is not a disaster; it is valuable information that teachers will use to provide targeted support.

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or preparation, please do not hesitate to contact the Post 16 Team or form tutor. We are here to support both students and families through this period.



UCAS Discovery Day- Trip on Monday 23rd June

As you know Year 12 students will be visiting the NEC Discovery Day on Monday 23rd June as part of their UCAS and higher education preparation. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience university life, ask questions and hear vital information about universities and apprenticeships. This is so important as they begin thinking seriously about their next steps beyond Sixth Form.

Further details regarding timings, expectations and any costs involved have been shared directly with students and families via letter. Please look out for the full letter if you have not already received it.

Dates for your diary

15th June- 26th June- Year 12 Mock Exams
23rd June- UCAS Discover Day- NEC
29th Jun- 3rd 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:

End Date: Tuesday 23 June 2026.
Contingency Day: Wednesday 24 June 2026.
Results Day:
Thursday 13 August 2026.