

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our Sixth Form students on how well they have transitioned into the new academic year. It has been wonderful to see our new Year 12 students engaging with Sixth Form life and all the opportunities that are available. It has been fantastic to see so many young learners volunteering to be Mentors, Subject Ambassadors, working in departments and engaging with the local community. I have also been impressed with our Year 13 learners who have shown dedication to their mock exams, UCAS and/or Futures applications; we know this is a busy time of year for them with many competing demands.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some Key Dates for our Year 12 and 13 students throughout the upcoming academic year and update you on our Sixth Form facilities.

As you are aware, we are currently expanding our Sixth Form facilities and will be opening our Sixth Form and Staff café 'The Vine' this half term. This will provide our Sixth Form students with exclusive catering facilities within the Sixth Form area. This will offer a menu that our students have consulted on and will offer breakfast and lunch. We have also expanded our outside areas and invested in new seating to ensure students are able to study and socialise in an environment that meets their specific needs.

We are aware that Sixth Form is an exceptionally busy time for our young people and the importance of guardian involvement in supporting them in their academic development and next steps. Therefore, please see a list of key dates for Year 12 and Year 13 learners below.

### **Year 12**

Careers Fair	<b>17 November</b>
Learn2Live	<b>7 December</b>
Careers Week	<b>6 - 10 February</b>
Year 12 Parents Evening	<b>2 March</b>
UCAS Convention	<b>21 March</b>
Futures Week	<b>29 – 26 June</b>
Mock Interviews	<b>28 and 29 June</b>
Year 12 Mock Exams	<b>12 – 23 June</b>
Work Experience	<b>3 – 7 July</b>
Year 12 Graduation Evening	<b>11 July</b>

### **Year 13**

Careers Fair	<b>17 November</b>
Year 13 Parents Evening	<b>1 December</b>
UCAS Internal Deadline	<b>1 December</b>
Year 13 Mock Exams	<b>30 Jan – 10 Feb</b>
Leavers Assembly	<b>18 May TBC</b>

Leavers Party

**29 June**

Throughout the year, the Sixth Form team will also be putting on additional talks, futures events and visits, such as the National Apprenticeship Show. These will be communicated to students via email and the Tutor programme and through email to guardians.

If you require any additional information, please contact the Sixth Form Team via the Ivybridge Community College website, or call **01752 891774**.

I hope that all our learners had a restful half term and I thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

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