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## Sixth Form Newsletter

Week ending: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Events and Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Year 13 Assessment grade sheets available on Parent Portal  
Games lessons commence

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September: Year 13 Parents' Meetings

*Week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September: Year 13 Intervention begins*

### Good news stories and celebrations

Year 12 have made such a positive start to the year and it has been wonderful to receive emails and comments from staff about the mature way in which the year group have approached their lessons and prep time. This is so great to see, especially after such a prolonged period away from the classroom. I would like to especially mention Warren Buist, as I have received many comments from staff about his exceptional attitude this week. Also, Florence Fong made my day on Wednesday when I could hear her singing outside my office. I really look forward to getting to know Year 12 and to seeing them grow academically and personally. There has also been some notable sporting achievements: Natalie Sanford (Year 12) has been selected to participate in the Diploma in Sporting Excellence, led by the University of Loughborough. Additionally, Sam Stephens and Josh Stephens (Year 12) have both been selected to participate in the Modern Pentathlon Diploma at Harpreet College. Both of these courses are highly competitive and it is a real achievement to be accepted on to the programmes. Congratulations to you all.

### Year 12 Subject choices

It is important that students make careful and informed choices about the subjects they are studying for A Level; enjoyment, ability, engagement with the subject and the way in which the qualification will open doors to future pathways should all be considered. Ideally, we would encourage students to do this before Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September although I am aware that some may require a longer period of time to experience multiple lessons in a subject before making their choices. As such, I encourage students to have open dialogue with me, their tutors, teachers and parents over the coming weeks so that we can finalise their final A Level timetables.



### **Year 13 Assessments and Parents' Meetings**

Year 13 completed their end of year assessments this week. These will provide us with an opportunity to reflect on the progress made in Year 12, to identify specific areas for development and put personalised intervention programmes in place. This will be discussed in detail at the Parents' Meetings that are taking place next Friday. A letter regarding the evening will be sent home to all involved.

Although Parents' Meetings are planned to take place face to face, we will review the situation daily and these may follow the format of a socially distanced event or via Zoom.

### **Year 12 and Year 13 Careers Lessons**

Each student has sessions on their timetable for career lessons. For the first term, these will be 1-1 tutorials. Following this, a detailed schedule will be shared on Canvas to outline what will be covered in each session.

### **UCAS**

Year 13 are working on their UCAS applications and the majority of students have now registered on the UCAS website. During 1-1 tutorials with Year 13, UCAS and future destinations will be the primary focus and targets and intervention will be put in place as necessary. If your son or daughter has not registered on UCAS, could you please encourage them to do so. Guidance of how this can be done is available on the Careers course on Canvas.

### **Games and Gym**

Games lessons commence on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. These sessions are compulsory for Year 12 whilst Year 13 can choose to participate. Students need to come to school dressed in their PE kits. There are also Sixth Form only sessions available in the gym. Each session has the capacity for 10 students and are available on a first-come-first-served basis. There is a sign-up sheet for the sessions outside my office; please complete this before 3pm each Friday. If a student has not used the gym at Saint Felix before, they will need to attend an induction with Ms Copestake, which can be arranged directly with her via email: [jcopestake@stfelix.co.uk](mailto:jcopestake@stfelix.co.uk).

### **Period 7**

If a student does not have a lesson during period 7, it is imperative that they sign in with Mrs Fitzgerald or myself in the Study Centre at the beginning of the period.

### **Sixth Form Driving and Parking**

If a student is driving to school, including on a moped, they need to read and sign the driving policy that can be found at the back of the student handbook. When this has been approved by me or Ms Hardcastle, they should park their vehicle in the area near the Chapel.

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