

NEWSLETTER – Monday 21st September

Message from the Sixth Form Team

You had only been back in Sixth Form for a very short time but you had all made such a promising start to the year and had been so compliant with everything that we'd asked in this uncertain time. Just because you are not physically in the building does not mean that your learning experiences have stopped. We understand that many of you are concerned and anxious for different reasons, but we need you to remember just three simple letters: A, B, C

A – You are not **a**lone

B – You are not **b**ehind

C – You are **c**apable

Year 13 – if you had been in Sixth Form this week then we would have been starting the big build up to your assessment week starting on 12th October (that's only 21 sleeps away!) This is still planned to go ahead and will be the first opportunity in a long while for teachers to be able to assess your knowledge, understanding and skills.

Please remember that this is a 4-day week since Friday 25th September was already scheduled as an INSET day. That means no Zooming on Friday!

If anyone needs to speak to a member of staff, then contact school (01204 301 351) or email a teacher directly. Your Group Tutor will aim to contact you during the week too.

Stay safe, stay well, stay home!

Accessing work

All the links to your Zoom lessons this week will be posted on Google Classroom. If you are still unsure about how to access Google Classroom then please watch Mr Atkinson's video explanation [here](#). When you are met with all your classrooms, please click on the class code rather than anything that says 'Digital Curriculum'. Please remember that all cameras must be turned on. You may be required to submit your work via Google Classroom also.

Folders or other work that you've left in college can be collected by a third party (eg. parent or other relative) this afternoon between 1 and 3.10pm only. Please ask them to arrive at the rear Sixth Form entrance and bring a locker key/room number if required.

Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week:

Fatima Dawood, Abby Campbell, Jessica Earp & James Lynch!

Belated Happy Birthday to those of you who celebrated last week:

Ciara Gettinby, Unaisa Limbada, Taylor Thomas, Fran Edwards, Molly McCann, Ruby Walsh, Piotr Biegala, Matthew Hill, Jemma Stevens, Talha Chhadat!

Celebrating Success

Amazing work from the Year 12 Art students using charcoal and reduction techniques to create these pieces. Image taken from @tsc_art



UCAS information for Year 13

This week is Personal Statement week at UCAS. Join them on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ucasonline> for a week of hints and tips from experts to help you nail your personal statement. Monday's session will be diving into what really is a personal statement, why do unis want you to write one and exploring what they use it for.

Remember to use the Personal Statement builder on Unifrog. It makes it much easier for your Group Tutor to make comments.

Pre-course material information for Year 12

Unless you have been set a different deadline by your subject teachers, the Sixth Form deadline for all pre-course materials is on Friday (25th September). This week is an ideal chance for you to finish off any remaining tasks. If you still have not accessed these (perhaps you enrolled late or have switched courses) then they can be found [here](#).

Year 12 course changes

There will be no further changes to courses permitted for Year 12, unless under exceptional circumstances.

Useful links to support your Health & Wellbeing

Coronavirus is impacting all our lives, and we know that the usual advice might not quite apply. Some ideas for looking after yourself may feel unrealistic right now. And some treatment and support options will be harder to access for a while. But we hope that you can still find information here that helps you understand what you're going through, and find a path forward. Visit the Mind [website](#) for more information and ideas.

Bolton's Primary Care Psychological Therapy Service provides free, confidential talking therapies for people aged 16 years and over. They can work with you to help address a range of problems that you might be experiencing. Visit this [website](#) for more information.

Quiz

Did you keep up with current events last week? Test yourself by completing this [quiz](#)! The answers are provided at the end.

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