

NEWSLETTER – Tuesday 22nd September

Message from the Sixth Form Team

Today's advice is to 'fall forward'. Acting royalty Denzel Washington made a simply amazing address a few years back and we would encourage you all to spend 10 minutes watching it [here](#). He tells the story of how in his life he has failed badly so many times, but still got up and had another go. Remember, success is just one failure away.

Stay safe, stay well, stay home!

Accessing work

Well done to everyone for attending your Zoom lessons promptly and actively engaging with your teachers and classmates. Feedback that we have received from teachers has been overwhelmingly positive in the main – what a great start to the week!

Just a reminder that you must have your cameras switched on. It's much easier for us as teachers, to assess your understanding when we can see the reactions on your faces. Please contact Mrs Ogden if the camera on your device is not working.

Continue to check Google Classroom for the links to your Zoom lessons this week.

Celebrating Success

Year 12 Fine Art students have continued to impress @tsc_art department with their observational drawings and experiments with different materials. Lovely work everyone! (Posted on Twitter)



UCAS information for Year 13

Head to the UCAS Hub at 4pm today with Personal Statement expert Jane, who will be covering all the personal statement essentials. It's completely free! You just need to sign in to the UCAS Hub.

Before summer we mentioned that you needed to avoid the cliché opening sentences. Here are the most common ones to avoid:

'From a young age...'
'For as long as I can remember...'
'I am applying for this course because...'
'I have always been interested in...'
'Throughout my life I have always enjoyed...'

Many Universities are still holding virtual open days throughout the Autumn term. If you are still undecided then visit <https://www.opendays.com/> to take tours around a campus or explore courses and accommodation options.

UCAS predicted grades

Year 13 students will be receiving UCAS predicted grades soon (if not already). It has been difficult for your teachers to make these predictions owing to the fact that it was so long ago that you were officially assessed in your PPE's, however they are based on what they know about your previous performance and attitude to learning and their professional judgement about the progress you have made since your last assessment. The predictions are ambitious but also have to be realistic. We do not seek to hinder university applications so please see Mr Gleeson or Miss Reid if you wish to discuss them further.

Opportunity

For any Year 12 or 13 students who are interested in a career in medicine, there is a 'Becoming a Doctor' lecture led by the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. It will focus on how to best prepare for application to medical school, including personal statements and work experience opportunities. The event is on Tuesday 29th September at 7.00pm. Register [here](#).

Useful links to support your Health & Wellbeing – a reminder

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.

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