



## Bulletin Year 12 No 1

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Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been a busy few weeks at the College since returning from the Christmas holidays. Some of our Year 12 students have even been sitting external BTEC exams. Students who resat GCSEs in Maths and English received their updated result last week. In the midst of this busy time, we are trialling a regular Sixth Form Bulletin to keep you all 'in the loop' with what's going on at College.

Since the break, Year 12 students have received their end of Key Stage target grade. These are challenging, personalised targets that the College is pushing students to achieve (as a minimum!). Please do note that these are not 'predictions' and these are not shared with external agencies, such as UCAS. Similarly, we very much encourage students to see these as targets to meet or exceed and certainly not as 'glass ceilings' on their performance. These target grades will accompany the next round of subject reporting that you should expect to receive at the start of February.

Now that students have settled into their courses, we are beginning to prepare our students for their journeys towards their future paths. This will involve university and apprenticeships for the majority of our students. This is an exciting yet daunting point in your child's life. Mrs Brennan is leading the year group's preparation in this through a combination of in-house instruction and external agency expertise, such as the University of Surrey. Also, following an initial session with an admissions tutor from the Oxford last term, we have a representative from Cambridge coming in at the start of February. Their session will be of use to anyone applying to a competitive course and/or institution – not just 'Oxbridge' candidates – and so is open to all students who consider it relevant.

In support of their university 'personal statement' or apprenticeship applications, we are also gearing all Year 12 students up to organise a period of Work Experience from Monday 15th July 2019 to the end of the term. This is not an insignificant undertaking and, despite the summer seeming to be far ahead in the distance, effective placements do require careful planning. Your son or daughter will receive further information in due course. On that note, if any of you are willing to come and speak to our students about your own career or are aware of any appropriate placements that Year 12 students could benefit from then do get in touch with us.

Finally, we encourage you to get in touch with the College if you have any queries over your child's progress or wellbeing. Year 12 Parents Evening is not scheduled until Thursday 9th May 2019 (ahead of the Year 12 Exams in the last week of June). Please direct subject-related queries to the relevant Head of Department and, for issues of a more pastoral or holistic nature, do contact your son or daughter's Tutor or other Head of Year.

We wish you a healthy and happy New Year.  
Mrs Brennan and Mr Jones