



Bulletin Year 12 No 2

2018 - 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Since our last Year 12 bulletin Miss Sheehy has been appointed as Head of the Business Department and we have employed a new Psychology teacher, Mrs Kendall.

At the start of February Year 12 students received their second round of tracking and I am really pleased to report that 9 students received straight 1's for the ATL's. The tracking has led to a series of meetings, phone calls and conversations with students all aimed at improving their attainment and giving students strategies essential in achieving excellent results. A recurring theme from conversations is that some students find it difficult to revise at home, to combat this, I would like to highlight that the Sixth Form study centre is open from 8am to 6.30pm. Students are free to use these facilities in order to best prepare them for their exams in June.

Last half term Year 12's had talks from:

- **The University Centre Farnborough** about the degree courses they offer, including their fast track two year intense degree, their slightly cheaper tuition fees and the fact you can apply directly to the University.
- **The University of Cambridge**, surrounding the application process and criteria for applying to a Russell Group University.
- **The University of Creative Arts** spoke to students about the Business of Creativity and the many different opportunities students have after completing a creative degree.
- **HEON (Higher Education Outreach Network via Surrey University)** came and spoke to parents and students about Student Finance, how the student loan (the tuition loan and the maintenance loan) work and explained that after University, students must be earning £25,000 before they start paying off the loan. If you missed this talk we will run another this time next year. In addition there is loads of information on <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>.

This half term we have talks from Zach Copes (last year's Head Boy) about the transition between college and university. Pearson College London will be running an employability workshops and Apprenticeships.gov are visiting to give students an insight into applying for Apprenticeships and highlighting their value in the current work place.

You might have seen on our Twitter that we took a small group of students to Farnham College to take part in a Happy Space talk. This highlighted the prevalence of mental health related illnesses and gave students a simple 10 step strategy to try (The main step being speaking to parents, teachers and healthcare professionals.) More information can be found on <https://www.happyspace.org.uk/>.

Our next trip will be on the 13th of March as we are bringing Year 12 students to the UCAS fair in Brunel University. Here, student eye's will be opened to the quantity of Universities available to them and the vast array of courses these institutions offer.

Huge congratulations to Lewis Liney (12TB) who has been selected to take part in an elite Great Britain Judo programme with the aim of competing in the 2024 Olympics.

Finally, as always we encourage you to get in touch with the College if you have any queries over your child's progress or wellbeing. 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 myself.

Best Wishes for the half term to come,
Mrs Brennan