



## **Year 12 Parents' Information Evening**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Introductions**



- Hannah Khan - Head of Sixth Form
- Joe Sturt - Deputy Head of Sixth Form
- Lyn Price - Sixth Form secretary
- Rob Penman – Higher Education Consultant
- The tutor team:
  - C Thomson
  - J Campion
  - R Daniel
  - N Gallivan
  - S Jones
- Head Boy/Girl team:
  - Elliot
  - Parker
  - Matt
  - Jess



## Aims for the evening....

To give you an overview of:

- The structure of the A level courses
- How we support students with the transition
  
- The enrichment programme
- Extra curricular opportunities
  
- How we support our students to prepare for the future



## A level headlines 2018

	2018	2017	2016
<b>A*</b>	<b>14.6</b>	11.6	8.3
<b>A*- A</b>	<b>36.9</b>	35	30.0
<b>A*- B</b>	<b>67.0</b>	66.6	61.4



## A level progress

Student A	AAC
Student B	BBB
Student C	ABB
Student D	ABB
Student E	AAA
Student F	AAA
Student G	AAB
Student H	A*AA



A3	Student A	AAC
Z3	Student B	BBB
A3	Student C	ABB
Z3	Student D	ABB
Z3	Student E	AAA
A3	Student F	AAA
Z3	Student G	AAB
A3	Student H	A*AA



# Your approach will determine your success

Moving from a fixed to a growth mindset



## What made a difference?

- Excellent attendance
- Use of free periods
- Staying after school to work
- Revisiting notes throughout the year
- Seeking help from staff
- Good organisation
- Took criticism and worked on difficulties
- After school sessions
- Structured revision plans
- Regulated paid employment\*
- **Worked with us**

## Key Features



- Changes for the current Year 12
  - All subjects are now linear
  - KLB: study 4; most will drop to 3 at the end of Year 12
- Why no AS examinations?
  - Freedom to structure a 2 year course
  - Gain several weeks of teaching time
  - Co-teachable?

## Why 4 subjects?



- No evidence to suggest students perform better with 3 than 4 – quite the opposite
- “I’ll spend all the time released on my other 3”
- Busy people....
- Some will continue with 4
- Subjects may not be what you expected – need a while to find this out
- 3 leaves no flexibility
- Every year, some do better than expected and vice versa .....focus changes in Year 13
- **Can manage 4 with a reasonable amount of extra work. If students aren’t managing workload....**
- “Nothing to show for it” - how much value was an AS?
- What to drop in the first few weeks?



## What does “an hour for an hour” look like?

- Map out the week
- Add paid work
- Add in activities
- Add in sessions for an “hour for an hour”

	1	2	3	4	5	
Mon 1	En 12D/En1 JEC R13	Hi 12A/Hi1 AHR H5	Gg 12C/Gg1 TPH H2		Py 12B/Py1 JLS D8	XX
Tue 1	En 12D/En1 JEC R3	Py 12B/Py1 JLS D8	Hi 12A/Hi1 EVE H6	Py 12B/Py1 JLS D8	Gg 12C/Gg1 TSA R10	XX
Wed 1	Py 12B/Py1 JLS D8	X	En 12D/En1 KMC R3	X	Se 12F/Se1 JLS	XX
Thu 1		Py 12B/Py1 JLS D8	Hi 12A/Hi1 AHR H5	En 12D/En1 KMC R9	Gg 12C/Gg1 TPH H3	XX
Fri 1	Hi 12A/Hi1 EVE H6	X	En 12D/En1 JEC M2	Gg 12C/Gg1 TSA H1	Py 12B/Py1 KAW N3	
Sun: XXXXX						

  

	1	2	3	4	5	
Mon 2	Gg 12C/Gg1 TPH H2	En 12D/En1 JEC R3	X	Py 12B/Py1 JLS D8	Hi 12A/Hi1 AHR H5	XX
Tue 2	Gs 12E/Gs1 JLS A2	Gg 12C/Gg1 TPH H2	Hi 12A/Hi1 EVE H6	En 12D/En1 JEC H8	Py 12B/Py1 KAW S4	XX
Wed 2	Gg 12C/Gg1 TSA H2	Hi 12A/Hi1 AHR H5	Py 12B/Py1 JLS H5	En 12D/En1 KMC R9	Se 12F/Se1 JLS	XX
Thu 2	Gg 12C/Gg1 TPH H2		X	Hi 12A/Hi1 EVE H6	En 12D/En1 KMC R9	XX
Fri 2		Gg 12C/Gg1 TSA H2	X	X	Hi 12A/Hi1 AHR H8	
Sun: XXXXX						

## Hit the ground running....



- Initial tasks
  - 5 tasks per subject
  - Linked into the unit of work
  - enable students to appreciate the different styles of learning required at this level
  - help students to cope with the increased volume of work
  - help students to get used to organising their work and meeting deadlines
  - provide opportunities for students to demonstrate the range of new skills necessary for success.

## Monitoring



- Attendance and punctuality
- Folder checks
- Target setting
- Reports
- Ongoing assessments and summer examinations
- Praise and concerns tracked – action and intervention

## Key Dates



Sept – Oct	Initial tasks
End of November	Report 1
13th December	Year 12 Parents' evening (1)
Early March	Report 2
21st March	Year 12 Parents' evening (2)
w/b 13 May	Year 12 Summer Exams
w/b 20 May	Activities week
Wed 5 June	Results feedback and decisions
Mid June	Higher Education Evening

## Coping.....our advice to students



- All work and no play.....
- It will be difficult and you will be challenged more than before
- Do not struggle on your own
- Ask friends (work together)
- Speak to your teachers and tutors
- Ask for a Y13 subject mentor
- Speak to your parents
- Stress management support
- Speak to Miss Khan or Mr Sturt



## Get involved!



- Access to Bristol/Pathways to Law
- Primary school work
- Pre-school work
- Care home work
- Charity shop volunteering
- School Council
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form committee
- Rotary interview
- Y8 literacy help
- Lesson help
- Y7 tutor group help
- Quiz team
- Charity events
- Prefect
- First Aid
- Stroud Council and local youth forum
- University subject days eg maths, law, medicine, masterclass days
- Sign Language
- Jenner Museum work
- Community Sports Leaders' Award
- Games
- Outdoor club
- Drive IQ
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Helping at info/open evenings
- Ambassadors showing visitors round school
- Film club
- Drama
- Music
- EPQ
- Summer schools ([Headstart](#), [Medsim](#))
- STEM activities
- Rotary Young Leaders Scheme
- Sixth Form debates
- Department trips and visits
- Work experience
- Future Learn courses
- TIC



## Enrichment

- Sixth Form newsletter
- Young Enterprise
- Book group
- First Aid
- Community Sports Leaders' Award (CSLA)
- Games
- Dog walking/training!
- Access to Bristol/Pathways to Law
- Sign Language



## Community Service...

### Primary schools:

Alexander Hosea  
Blue Coat  
Hillesley  
Stone

British  
Horton  
Kingswood  
Cam Woodford

St John's Mead  
Hawkesbury  
North Nibley

Charfield Pre-school

Natural Choice Nursery

Blue Coat Pre-school

### Care homes:

Yercombe  
Beaufort House  
Pennwood Lodge  
Kingswood Lodge  
Dryleaze  
Wickwar

### Charity work:

RSPCA  
Bridge2Aid charity  
Tenovus

### Work experience:

Vale Vets  
Rowe Vets  
Jenner Museum  
Local garage

### Other:

Wotton Library



## Extra Curricular.....within the Sixth Form

- Sixth Form committee
- Charities and fundraising activities (e.g. Macmillan coffee morning, leavers' tea towels)
- Tutor group quiz
- Social events in school



## To support the lower school....

- Assisting year 7 and 8 tutor groups
- Lesson help
- Support Room at lunchtime and during lessons (vulnerable pupils)
- Prefects
- Student ambassadors – tours around school
- Helping to run School Council
- TIC



## Health and Wellbeing

- Rugby, netball, hockey, squash, football
- Use of the fitness suite
- Sixth Form
  - wellbeing sessions
  - yoga
  - archery
  - fencing
  - basketball
  - spinning



## Activities Week (term 6)

- Sign Language/First Aid full day courses
- TEFL
- Department support
- Department trips: geography, drama, sociology
- Work experience
- Drive IQ
- Open days
- Sports Leaders course



## Planning for the future...

- No need to panic!
- But start thinking now....
- This avoids the panic later on



## Early opportunities....

- Access to Bristol
- Pathways to Law
- Subject conferences (Medsim, Chemistry, Physiotherapy etc)
- Future Learn courses
- Summer schools (Eton, Sutton, Headstart)
- Arrange work experience
- EPQ



## Future planning

- Careers convention follow-up
- UCAS convention
- HE focus
- HE evening for parents and students in June
- Careers adviser



## Help from parents

- Absence notes, holidays and appointments
- Monitor paid employment
- Sixth Form dress code
- Out of school “activities”
- Help put aside 2 hours per night
- Use of private tutors
- Be aware of reports/parents’ evenings
- Be aware of the financial support available
- Contact us if you have concerns
- Dialogue between home and school

