

Allerton Grange School Sixth Form



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Dear parent/carers

Re Welcome to Year 13

We are pleased to welcome your child into Year 13, the final year of study at Allerton Grange School, and would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of the following information.

Post sixth form careers, advice and guidance

This academic year, we will continue to have a strong focus on the plans that students will be making for when they complete their studies in the sixth form. In Year 12, during form time, speakers delivered information on apprenticeships and university. All students had an individual careers appointment and they started their university applications via UCAS. This term, during form time, students will continue to receive support to complete the UCAS process, along with support and advice for students who wish to apply for apprenticeships, take a gap year, or any other post-sixth form option. Information for parents and guardians about the UCAS process is available on their website: www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians.

We send out 'Weekly Careers Messages' to students with details of different careers-related opportunities, from university lectures to apprenticeship vacancies. Please encourage your child to take advantage of what's on offer so they can make fully informed choices about their future. If your child requires any additional support, regarding careers advice and guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

University Open Days

Although, it may still not be possible to visit universities in person, they have been offering virtual open days. We strongly encourage students to access these before they make decisions about where to apply. The UCAS website provides a useful source of information for finding out about open days: www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/events-and-open-days

Summative Assessments at the end of Year 12 and grade predictions

During the last two weeks of the summer term, students took assessments in their Key Stage 5 subjects. This term, students will be receiving their results and feedback from subject teachers. Please be aware that teachers will be reviewing the subject grade predictions, they made at the end of Year 12, to also take into consideration students' results and their performance at the start of Year 13.

Student booklet and learning agreement

All students have been sent a Student Induction booklet that contains information on all aspects of sixth form life at Allerton Grange School, including a learning agreement and expectations of students. At the start



of the academic year, students and parents are asked to sign and return the learning agreement to school. This booklet is also available on the school website and additional student learning agreements are available from sixth form.

Attendance and reporting a student absence

Good attendance is the basis for good attainment. Students are expected to maintain an excellent attendance record. It is important to remember that, when writing references for students, whether for university applications, college courses or prospective employers, we are asked to comment on attendance, punctuality and work ethic. If your child is unable to attend school, please contact us on the morning of the absence providing a reason.

School attendance and Privilege Pass system

All students are expected to attend **registration every day at 8.45am**. During form time, we deliver sessions on careers, PSHE and our enrichment programme. Therefore, it is an incredibly valuable part of all students' timetabled lessons. The Privilege Pass system is designed to encourage students to develop independent learning as well as employability skills. All students start on the bronze level of privilege and the level is reviewed on a half-termly basis. Information about support plans are also included within the Privilege Pass System and these are put in place if we feel students are struggling to meet their academic potential. More information on the Privilege Pass system is available on the school website.

Mobile Phone Policy

In support of our Mental Health Policy, mobile phones and any other electronic digital device (including smart watches) have been banned from use within the school building and grounds. However, sixth form students are permitted to use their mobile phones in the common room only. Mobile phones, and such devices, will be confiscated if seen or heard on the school site, with the exception of the common room, and stored in the school safe for 48 hours. Sixth form students are permitted to collect their own devices from the finance office, after 3.00pm, once 48 hours has expired.

Dress code

Within sixth form, we recognise the importance of setting an example to younger students in school. Sixth form students are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Track suit/jogging bottoms/ripped jeans and shorts are not allowed
- Skirts should be knee length or below
- Shoulders and midriffs should be covered
- One discrete facial piercing is allowed (studs only, no hoops)
- Hats and coats should only be worn outside
- Lanyards must be worn at all times
- Natural hair tones and light makeup are acceptable

16-19 School Bursary Fund

Money from the 16-19 bursary fund is available to students with a household income of less than £25,000.00. Students who currently receive free school meals automatically qualify. The bursary is designed to help pay for items students need to stay on for further education. Examples of what this can be spent on include bus tickets to and from school, equipment for courses (such as an appropriate school bag, folders and revision guides) as well as activities and trips that are part of the academic or enrichment programmes. Eligible students can also apply to borrow a school laptop for the year. Any student can apply but students who qualified in Year 12 must reapply. The application form was emailed to all students in July or can be collected from the sixth form office. Further information can be found on the school website.

Important dates

Training Day - Friday 24 September 2021

UCAS Early Entry (Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary & Dentistry) – Friday 15 October 2021 (External deadline)

UCAS application deadline Half term full first draft (internal deadline)

Half term - Monday 25 to Friday 29 October 2021

Parents Evening – Wednesday 10 November 4.30-6.30pm 2021

Christmas holiday Monday 20 December 2021 – Tuesday 4 January 2022

UCAS application deadline Wednesday 26 January 2022 (external deadline)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Braim', with a small flourish at the end.

Mrs E Braim

Curriculum Leader for Sixth Form

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