Dear Parent/Guardian

We are very pleased that the term has started smoothly and that Key Stage 5 students are already progressing in their chosen courses. Our students will be committed to their studies with nine lessons allocated to each subject in Year 12 and Year 13, though there are some variations to this. Additionally, the WBQ will present its own challenges to each year group.

It will mean that each student has periods on their timetable with no lesson commitment, designed for self-study to enhance their understanding of the concepts covered in class by their tutors. This is a very important aspect of sixth form study, used effectively it will significantly improve A level performance.

All students will be expected to be in school at 8.40am every day in order to attend tutorial time and register. Any student registering after 8.55am will be recorded as late. This could impact on an EMA payment if a student is in receipt of them.

For some students their free time will include the one hour sessions in the afternoons, possibly on a number of days. Students in Year 12 and 13 are being given the opportunity to leave school after lesson 4 to study at home. Their absence from school will not need to be explained and it will not impact on EMA payments if a student is in receipt of them. The relevant students can leave the premises after lesson 4. Those students who would prefer to remain on-site in the afternoon are very welcome to do so and the Oriel is always available for quiet study. These students will need to register at the main office before lesson 5.

This will present an excellent opportunity to extend their understanding and to manage their learning more effectively. I hasten to add that this time is not to be used for paid employment or driving lessons. We trust that students will value the opportunity being offered to them and use the time in the best way they can.

May I also take this opportunity to invite you to attend the Year 12 ‘The Year Ahead’ meeting on the 17th September, 2019, at 5.00pm in the Senior Hall. The evening is intended to outline key dates and events for the coming year as well as emphasising the expectations and responsibilities of our sixth form students. I hope you will be able to attend and very much look forward welcoming you to this important event.

If you would like to discuss this or any other matter in more detail then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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