

## Student Bulletin: 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October 2011

### General

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| <b>Sixth Form Assembly</b>   | A reminder that there will be an assembly for Years 12 & 13 in the Study Area on Friday, starting promptly at 08:50am.   |
| <b>Registration</b>          | All students must ensure that they are on time for morning registration please. Late arrival is marked and affects the Sixth Form attendance figures.  |
| <b>Dress Code</b>            | As discussed in last week's assembly, I would be grateful if students could adhere to the smart dress code. In particular, no hoodies or leggings.   |
| <b>EMA</b>                   | If you are still entitled to claim EMA, please hand your paperwork into Gemma so that we can start making payments.  |
| <b>16-19 Bursary Fund</b>    | As outlined at last week's assembly, the policy is awaiting approval by Governors and I will update you all shortly. There will be a detailed information post on the Sixth Form area of the website. If any students are suffering severe financial difficulties in this interim period, please see myself as we have a temporary contingency fund to cover this.   |
| <b>Girls Football Team</b>   | Any females in Year 12 or 13 who want to join the football team (managed by Mr Bilton!) should see Catriona. Those skilled in the art of goal hanging are especially encouraged.   |
| <b>Subject Skills Review</b> | All students in Year 12 & 13 are required to complete a Subject Skills Review this week for each of their subjects. This will be done with your teacher. Look at the document on the P-drive to ensure you have got everything covered.  |
| <b>Careers Fair</b>          | <p>A Hotcourses Global Student Fair is taking place in London on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. As well as UK exhibitors, there will be exhibitors from the USA, Canada, Australasia and other European countries. If you are interested or want further information, check their website <a href="http://www.hotcourses.com/fair">www.hotcourses.com/fair</a>.</p> <p>There is also a Careers and Courses Information Fair at Watford Football Club on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011 (5-8.30pm, free admission) See the flyer posters in the Study Area.</p> |
| <b>Sixth Form Voice</b>      | The Student Management Committee will be up and running immediately after half term; in addition, Harshad has arranged for a Suggestions Box and slips to be placed in the Study Area. Please feel encouraged to make suggestions, and also provide criticism where appropriate. I want to make sure you have a voice, and I am happy to be told something is not working.   |
| <b>The Study Area</b>        | It is exactly that. A private study area. Please play your part in helping to keep it quiet and clean. Any student working in the library also needs to ensure they are quiet and engaged in constructive activity.  |

## Year 12

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| <b>Surviving your Workload Booklets</b> | Please take a copy of this booklet which is in the box in the Study Area. They contain useful tips on dealing with homework, coursework, and revision.  |
| <b>Independent Study Logs</b>           | These should be up and running now- you need one for each subject, and it should be signed on a weekly basis by your teacher. Record all your independent work- aim for 4 hours per week, per subject.  |
| <b>Extended Project Qualification</b>   | We will have a full briefing on this in the week before half term.  |
| <b>Head Start Courses</b>               | Headstart courses are residential courses for Y12 students which give them a taste of studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths at university. A fee is charged but there are bursaries available if you think the cost may be restrictive. If you would like further information, have a look at <a href="http://www.headstartcourses.org.uk">www.headstartcourses.org.uk</a> . They can be very beneficial in helping you to decide if a course is right for you and providing you with a taste of university study. Attendance on these courses looks very good on your UCAS application! If you require time off school to attend, permission would be given. |
| <b>Other Preparation Courses</b>        | <p>Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Doctor. Saturday 11 February 2012, 10.00am-4.30pm, at University College London.</p> <p>Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Lawyer. Saturday 18 February 2012, 10:00am-4:30pm, at University College London.</p> <p>For full details, including costs and the application form, please visit this website: <a href="http://www.epoc.org.uk/careers_conferencing.htm">www.epoc.org.uk/careers_conferencing.htm</a></p>  |

## Year 13

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| <b>Personal Statements</b>            | You should now have all completed a good draft. Ensure that you have shown it to both your form tutor and your subject teacher where relevant. Anyone having difficulties, consult the advice, examples and writing framework on the P-drive under the UCAS 2011-12 Pathways folder. Look at UCAS TV for further help. Once you have done all of this, come to me for advice.  |
| <b>CAD Day One</b>                    | This is on Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November and will be the date we all formally register and fill out the UCAS online application form. Please ensure by this date that you all have an appropriate email address (nothing silly or rude)  |
| <b>Employment option of the month</b> | The School Leaver programme at Ernst & Young is a combination of training and work experience. This is a five-year 'straight to work' programme for students who want to study towards a professional qualification without going to university. They pay a full salary for five years and fund your qualifications, so there are no student debts to worry about. Find out more and apply at <a href="http://www.ey.com/uk/careers">www.ey.com/uk/careers</a> . |