

## Addressing FAQ's – Year 12 Students – May, June & July

### 1. Key Dates:

- a. Study leave (attending school for exams only – in uniform, with any relevant equipment) – for EXTERNAL and then INTERNAL EXAMS – begins end of day on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017**.
- b. Full A level lessons begin – **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.
- c. UCAS convention – Newcastle – an important part of your research (*“Measure twice – cut once”*) – **29<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.
- d. Parental information evening. UCAS & student finance – **6<sup>th</sup> July 2017** at 6pm.
- e. Lessons end for this academic year – **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017**.
- f. Wellbeing Week (many use this for work experience / EPQ work) – **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. Mr Bllaca will need details (organisation, contact name & contact details). You will write a reflective report to be handed in on your return in September.

### 2. UCAS – predicted grades and references:

- a. **Predicted grades** are agreed by your subject teachers and based on your performance over the full year (including June & July) – as well as your performance in external or internal summer exams. You will be told your predicted grades in September and this will help inform your course choices.
- b. **References** are completed by subject teachers, for all subjects you have studied in Year 12, and your form tutor. A member of Sixth Form Leadership then compiles these into a positive, fluid and contextualised formal academic reference. You will see your reference (usually in PHE) – before it is sent to UCAS.
- c. **UCAS Conference – Newcastle**. All to attend (even if you think you are not going to attend university). **29<sup>th</sup> June 2017** – transport to and from arranged. £3 donation to be handed to Sixth Form Office – see notices for deadline.
- d. **Parental information evening – UCAS**. This is an abridged PHE course for parents (UCAS & student finance) – **6<sup>th</sup> July 2017** at 6pm.

### 3. 19<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> July

- a. **Dropping courses in June / July**. You must not just stop attending lessons or you will be in breach of your contract. There is a **set procedure** if you think you want / should drop to 3 courses:
  - i. Discuss your concerns / reasons with subject teachers.
  - ii. Discuss with a Sixth Form Leader (Mr McArdle, Mrs Lennon, Mr Wilbraham).
  - iii. Discuss with parents – who must sign to support your decision.
  - iv. Return signed form to the Sixth Form Office.
- b. **All 4 courses** should be continued with (except in exceptional circumstances). This gives you options – if your results differ from expectations &/ or you have changed your mind. In September, you will not be able to pick up a course you have dropped in June / July.
- c. **Open Days**. Research is good – be aspirational but not unrealistic. Advance notification should be given to Tutor and subject teachers (**look after the data we hold on you**). All missed work must be completed. Sign up early.
- d. **Home Study** – you can apply from September.

Good Luck Year 12