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Sixth Form

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Thought for the week

Sometimes you just have to pick yourself up and carry on.



- **UNIFORM – keep it smart – you are role models for younger students.**
- **Year 12 Exams –** you have survived your first formal exam week – well done. We do mocks to help identify what you need to do to make progress towards your academic potential (not to punish you). Also, mocks help you get used to the regulations and the feel of being assessed this way – it helps desensitise you so that you will perform better in the next set. Check your emails, complete the survey: Advice I wish I'd given myself (& followed) from Day 1 of Sixth Form <https://forms.office.com/e/mA8A3ALg4P> **Deadline for completion this Thursday.**
- **Year 12 – Exam feedback continues this week – the outcome of these will inform your choices for external AS entry – after discussion with your teachers. Parents' Evening is 13<sup>th</sup> February – your signed consent forms identifying entry for external AS exams must be handed in by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – morning break – at the latest.**
- **Year 12 – You should be considering which EXTERNAL AS examinations you should be entering for. This will be informed by:**
  - Mock and likely outcome in all subjects.
  - Parents' Evening discussions.
  - Plans for next year.
  - **You will have the opportunity of a meeting with Mrs Lennon or Mr Wilbraham shortly to discuss any queries you might have regarding this important decision.**
- **Show your intellectual journey.** Explore super curricular opportunities: explore/investigate your subjects, beyond the A-Level classroom. This type of reading and research will help those of you in Y13 who have interviews on the horizon or those in Y12 starting/developing thinking on next steps, especially on what university courses may be right for you. [https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/super-curricular\\_suggestions.pdf](https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/files/publications/super-curricular_suggestions.pdf)  
<https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/applying-to-univ/explore-your-subject/>
- Year 13 – You have never been through Year 13 and university / apprenticeship application process before – we have – call into Sixth Form office with any queries – we are here to help.
- **Year 12 – PHE (Preparation for Higher Education) lessons start THIS week – we had a general introduction assembly last week (show your intellectual journey) – you will have fortnightly lessons. See lists outside of SFO.** This programme will help you research / explore / consider your future options: university / apprenticeship / employment / independent living – what / where / how. Explore these
- **Want a Durham University tutor? See / email Mr Wilbraham.**
- **Year 13 – Oxbridge decisions – when you get these, please let Mr Wilbraham know.**
- **WP schemes / support:** Newcastle Partners, DU Supported Progression, A2L, and many more – drop in SS3 – lunchtime.
- **CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES TO UNIVERSITY? Want to find out about apprenticeships? Want to build some life skills? Have you signed up for the Durham Works event on 26<sup>th</sup> January 3pm – 4pm? If not, sign up with Mr Spears.**
- **Newcastle University Medicine Taster Session – free – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3pm-5pm. Sign up with Mr Milligan.**

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ASSEMBLY – Year 13 – Hall – 8.20am.</b></li> <li>• <b>LEAVERS' BALL?</b> – Room – Pod. <b>Lunchtime</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>YEARBOOK?</b> Room – Pod. <b>Lunchtime</b></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sixth Form Committee – both years – all forms to be represented – 12.10pm start – room IT4.</b></li> <li>• <b>Alternatives to University? Come and find out about apprenticeships and what employers are looking for. 3pm – 4pm – room tba.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	

**Check the noticeboard in the SF area every day & emails / Teams regularly**