



Monday 4 November 2024

Y13 PHE – Week A

Priority updates	Y13 Mocks W/B 11th November See posters in Sixth Form spaces: Tesco foodbank collection volunteers needed Apprenticeship event in Chester le Street (for those in Y12 and Y13 signed up)
Monday	Med Soc Lunchtime SC3 12:00 Music Theory Club lunch in MU2
Tuesday	Extended Form time Chamber choir at lunch MU3 KS5 Languages with sandwiches club in LA7 at 12 Wind Band 2.45 James Hall Greek Club in LA8 until 4pm Debating Club – History department 2.45-3.45pm Biology support SC6 2.45pm Chemistry support SC4 2.45pm
Wednesday	Committee meeting at lunch 12.10-12.35pm (SS1): Y12 and Y13 Reps must attend. Senior Choir 2.45 James Hall
Thursday	Senior Orchestra 2.45 in James Hall Chemistry support drop in SC4 2.45
Friday	KS5 wellbeing drop-in Friday lunchtimes with Ms Walton. See posters for details/ask in SF office Paired Reading SFA 8.20am Apprenticeship event in Chester le Street (for those in Y12 and Y13 signed up) Music aural skills lunchtime in MU3 Netball training 3-4pm. U-18 Rugby training 3-4pm Y13 History coursework masterclass (foreign policy) 2.45-3.45pm History1

Super-curricular	HE+ (myheplus.com) The above link is a fantastic Cambridge resource for Y12 and Y13 students helping all of you, no matter your intended next steps, with super curricular reading and research. Northeastern University London Essay Competition (Y12 only) - open now, deadline 6 th January 2025: University of Sheffield Translation Competition - open now, deadline 29 th November 2024 Orwell Youth Prize - open now, deadline 30 th April 2025 See the PPT shared via form time for more details Super-curricular online resources - Hertford College University of Oxford
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Sport and Wellbeing	KS5 Wellbeing drop-in is Friday Lunchtime with Ms Walton. See posters for details/ask in SF office.
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Volunteering	Tesco Foodbank -Durham Christian Partnership – see posters
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PHE	Week A. Personal statements continued and interviews. All attend. Home Blackbullion Register with Blackbullion for help with budgeting, scholarships and financial information
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Committee Y12&Y13	All Reps to attend (Y12 and 13) SS1 Wednesday 12.10-12.35pm. No Committee next week (WB 11th) due to mocks.
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Y12 message	Super-curricular online resources - Hertford College University of Oxford
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Y13 message

The above link takes you to free resources that should become increasingly a normal part of your working habits. 'Super-curricular resources' are reading, research or activities that deepen your understanding of an academic subject, beyond your normal work in the classroom. We will be providing diaries for you to record your super-curricular work as that research will form the basis of your personal statement responses when applying to university or for a degree apprenticeship.

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 13 Students,

We are writing to inform you about the upcoming study leave for our Year 13 students as they prepare for their **mock exams week beginning 11th November 2024**. These exams are crucial for several reasons. The results from the mock exams play an important role in further contributing to predicted grades for UCAS applications, which can influence university offers. The mock exams serve as a diagnostic tool to identify areas where students may need improvement, helping us tailor our support to each student's needs and the students can better prepare their independent study habits. These exams provide an opportunity for students to develop academically between now and the summer exams, giving them the chance to refine their skills and knowledge. Furthermore, we are committed to supporting the wellbeing of our students. Study leave allows them the time and space to focus on their studies without the added pressure of attending school full-time.

During this period of study leave, we encourage students to fully engage in their revision and be practising effective independent study methods. This is an excellent opportunity for them to discover the revision techniques that work best for them. **Study leave will commence on Monday 11th November and will continue until Friday 15th November.** During this time, students are expected to be at home or in a suitable study environment. The schedule for the mock exams has been distributed separately so please ensure your child is aware of their exam dates and times. Our teachers are available for support during this time. If your child has any questions or needs assistance with their revision, please encourage them to reach out to their subject teachers via Teams. We have a range of wellbeing resources available to support our students during this period. Please contact the Sixth Form office on 0191 384 3887 if you have any concerns or require additional support.

We believe that with the right preparation and support, our students will excel in their mock exams. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child succeed. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Jonathan Wilbraham