



10 December 2020

Dear parents, guardians, carers

Please can I draw your attention to the information in the school newsletter which will be released via a text link w/c 14 December which celebrates so much of the activity in school this term. It also has some important guidance regarding the spring term.

Looking ahead, there are some specific dates for your diaries:

- **Friday 11 December** - Christmas Foodbank collection for details: <https://poolehigh.co.uk/foodbank-donation-2020/>
- **Friday 18 December** - Early closure at 12.30pm and Christmas non-uniform day
- **Monday 4 January 2021** - Spring term starts 8.25am
- **Monday 4 January 2021** - Year 13 mock exams begin, Year 12 subject tests and BTEC exams

This term has been extremely busy for our burgeoning Sixth Form. Our Year 12 entrants have surpassed 200 students on roll. It has been a challenging term under the current COVID restrictions but as always, our students have been extremely positive and responded extremely well to learning in these conditions.

Students have been working extremely hard on their applications since the beginning of the year. We are really proud of another **record number of UCAS applications**, with over 80% of Year 13 students seeking undergraduate places – many to Russell Group universities. The course choices are increasingly varied from traditional courses to new applied degrees. Some students are also opting for degree apprenticeships including highly competitive providers: JP Morgan, Nestle and Deloitte. The great support from their tutors and Mrs Wright has encouraged many to further hone their personal statements. Please continue over the Christmas, to do all you can to support, coax and encourage their ambition and work ethic. Twenty minute of retrieval practice is better than a day's worth of highlighting notes. The purposefulness of the next few months before their exams will pay dividends in the future.

Please continue supporting us with your child's progress by talking to him/her about their proactive independent study. Also, please support them to maintain a steady work ethic once the Christmas festivities are over, all students will either have mock or BTEC examinations in January. All students should **be actively using the ADAPT App** to plan their revision and work for all their mocks and exams. The academic success of our students is positively affected by your interest and aspiration.

Also, in the **unlikely event of school closure** due to extreme weather conditions, a school text/email will be sent out to parents and a message will be placed on the school website. The school will notify the Borough of Poole and local radio stations (Heart and Wave 105).

As always thank you for working with us and we wish you all a peaceful Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Nash  
Head of Sixth Form