



13 June 2106

Dear Parent

Summer term for returning Year 12 students

I'm sure it's not just the staff who are heaving sighs of relief as the AS exams come to a close. Students have worked hard and we look forward to some good results in the summer. In the meantime, we were pleased to welcome back Year 12 today and urge them to take the start of their A Level studies seriously. We have an exciting number of opportunities through to the end of the summer term, which I have detailed below:

Monday 20 June UCAS Convention

This trip is now fully booked. Students who have confirmed their places should meet in the Study Centre at 8.45am promptly. The University of Bedford has arranged an extensive range of talks which we will encourage students to attend. Programmes will be issued at an assembly on Friday, 17 June, during Tutor Time. All students should remain on site at the university for the duration of the visit.

Enterprise Week Monday 27 June – Friday 1 July

We will use this week to take advantage of students being off timetable in order to explore university, personal finance and work related matters, as well as allowing students to have some 'down' time to enjoy being back at school. **Please note, due to constraints on time available to carry out necessary checks, we are unable to accept any more requests for work shadowing this term. Unless paperwork confirming the placement has already been returned to Mrs Thompson, authorisation for work shadowing will not be given. All students who have not yet confirmed their work shadowing arrangements for this week will be expected to fully participate in the following programme:**

- Monday 27 June UCAS registration – it will help if students bring a fully charged laptop to school with them; we have a small number available for loan for those without. We will also be joined by a panel of former students who are eager to share their experiences of applying for university places and employment.
- Tuesday 28 June Personal finance – I have arranged for members of staff from HSBC and Barclaycard to run sessions with students on managing personal finance and financial fraud. We will also have time to allow students to independently research university courses or employment opportunities; a laptop will, therefore, be useful.
- Wednesday 29 June The University of Northampton is running a taster day especially for our students. Students should travel independently to the University, arriving at 9.30am to meet staff at the bus stops between car parks 3 and 4 (please see map at <https://www.northampton.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Park-Campus-Map-2015.pdf>) The University will be addressing student finance and student life, as well as offering the opportunity to engage in a campus tour and subject taster session. The day will end at 2pm when students will be dismissed to make their own way home. Students may bring a packed lunch or cash to purchase lunch at the Student Union. There is also an opportunity for up to 20 students to engage in a library induction; this will be beneficial

for those contemplating an Extended Project next year. There is no cost for this trip but I must ask you to sign and return the reply slip below by return please.

Thursday 30 June Lower school students will also be off timetable and engaged in various activities. I've received a request for any Year 12 mathematicians to help with the Stock Market Challenge and, in order to be fair, am happy to allow other students to volunteer within the three remaining projects: 'The Apprentice', 'Cultural Project' and 'Drama'. Any student wishing to volunteer in these areas should indicate on the reply slip below which area they wish to be attached to. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Students who are to be involved in the end of term talent show at our final assembly of the year may use the whole day to rehearse. They will be based in the Music Rooms under the supervision of Mrs Yates.

All students not involved in these activities will be supervised in the Study Centre and encouraged to work on their Social Sciences Project or Year 12 independent research project. Laptops will be useful.

Friday 1 July Students will have the choice of participating in a Year 12 sports day, organised by our PE Team, or engaging in a variety of social activities within the Study Centre, including games, films and quizzes.

To help with our planning, I would ask you to indicate on the reply slip which activities your son / daughter will be engaged in.

Wednesday 6 July Moving On Day

Students will be off timetable for the day when we will spend the morning working on UCAS personal statements and CVs. The afternoon will see a number of guests from the worlds of business and industry making presentations to small groups of students who are particularly interested in their fields of work. Your son / daughter will have the opportunity to choose a session once we have finalised the details.

Monday 18 July Social Sciences Fair

Once again, the Social Sciences Fair will take place in the Study Centre, with Psychology, Law, Sociology, Economics and Government and Politics taking part. Students will be given details of this in their respective lessons.

Assemblies

In addition to our weekly Wednesday assemblies, we would like to see all Year 12 students in the Study Centre at 8.45 promptly for assemblies on Wednesday 15 June and Friday 17 June.

On Wednesday 15 June, we have CoppaFeel presenting our main assembly on the topic of breast cancer. More details can be found at <https://coppafeel.org/> . Should you not wish your son / daughter to engage with this assembly, please email Mrs Thompson, in confidence, at cthompson@ccs.northants.sch.uk

In order to help with our planning, I would be grateful if you could please complete and return the, somewhat lengthy, reply slip to Mrs Thompson by immediate return, no later than 16 June.

Yours faithfully

Sue Haines
Head of Sixth Form

Please send to Mrs Thompson, cthompson@ccs.northants.sch.uk by immediate return and no later than 16 June

Name of student: Form:

Wednesday 29 June University of Northampton Taster Day

I give permission for my son / daughter to participate in this visit.

I *would / not like my son / daughter to participate in the university library induction session. NB This will take place at the same time as the Introduction to HE and Student Finance session; it will not be possible to attend both.

*please delete as appropriate

I understand that my son / daughter will be making their own way to and from the University and will take responsibility for this.

My son / daughter has the following medical condition(s):

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Student mobile telephone number:

My emergency contact number that day:

Thursday 30 June choices

My son / daughter wishes to participate in:

- Talent show rehearsals
- Volunteer with the Stock Market Challenge
- Volunteer with the Apprentice project
- Volunteer with the Culture project
- Volunteer with the Drama project
- Engage in supervised, supported independent research

Friday 1 July choices

My son / daughter wishes to participate in:

- Year 12 sports day
- Indoor social activities

Signed:
(parent)

Date: