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PT Time		
Monday	Year 12 and Year 13 (Atrium) : Welcome back assembly	
Monday Launchpad	Year 12 (Atrium): VESPA Introduction	
Tuesday	Year 12 and Year 13: Notices & Week Ahead	
	Year 12 : Academic Profiles	
Wednesday	Year 12 : The Big Conversation	
	Year 13 : The Big Think	
Thursday	PT Quiz	
Friday Extended PT	Year 12 (PT rooms) : Review of Academic Profile	
	Year 13 (SF7/8): How to prepare for university interviews	

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What's on this week	
Monday 3 rd November	Return to school after Half Term
Wednesday 5 th November	Sixth Form will remain open until 5pm on Wednesday 5 th November, however, please note only the Study Centre will be in use and this room MUST be left clean and tidy ready for Open Evening. If you are staying to help at the Open Evening, please put all belongings in your lockers.

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Upcoming		
Tuesday 11 th November	UCAS Creative Future Trip - students involved have been advised	
Wednesday 12 th November	Voice Coaching with Tom Morrison - students involved will be advised in due course	
Wednesday 12 th November	Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) Event at CHSF - students involved have been advised	
Thursday 13 th November	Manchester University Engineering Challenge at Etihad stadium - students involved have been advised	
Thursday 13 th November	Voice Coaching with Tom Morrison - students involved will be advised in due course	
W/C Monday 17 th November	Year 13 Common Assessments	
Thursday 20 th November	Spanish Exchange visiting Students join us at HGSF, the students will stay with us until Tuesday 25 th November	
Friday 21 st November	History of Art Lectures at Didsbury Sixth Form - Year 13 students involved will be advised in due course	

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Upcoming	
W/C Monday 24 th November	Year 13 Common Assessments
Monday 1st December	Inset Day
Thursday 11 th December	Voice Coaching with Tom Morrison - students involved will be advised in due course
Friday 19th December	Finish for Christmas

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Student Notices:

Student Vehicles: A reminder to let us know your vehicle details if you are now driving to school and parking on site or on the surrounding roads. https://forms.office.com/e/AsCg54cGk6

Lanyards and ID Badges: Please wear your sixth form lanyard at all times when on the school site. If you forget your lanyard please sign in and out manually and collect a spare lanyard from the office.

Lost ID Badges: If you have lost your ID badge this must be reported to the sixth form office immediately so we can cancel access to the building. You must purchase a new badge via ParentPay.

University Interviews/Entrance Tests/Job Interviews: Please remember to complete an Absence Request Form, you can get these from the office or from the white unit in the Atrium.

University Open Days: You are encouraged to attend University Open Days, up to a maximum of three on week days in any half term during school time. (Most universities now have Open Days at the weekend). You must complete an Absence Request Form; have it approved by parents/carers and either Mrs Lambert or Mrs Roberts, and submit it to Sixth Form Reception at least three days before the visit takes place. (If an alternative Open Day is available at the weekend, permission to miss a day of lessons will not be given). Failure to submit this form will result in the absence being unauthorised.

Business Dress: Please follow the link to revisit the <u>Business Dress expectations</u>. Hoodies and trainers are not part of business dress and should not be worn around the building.

Gold DofE Year 13: Please login to your edofe and assess what you still need to do to achieve your Gold DofE Award and complete any outstanding sections.

The 16-19 Bursary: The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a scheme to help students facing financial hardship to continue in full time education after Year 11. We would encourage all students to read the information <u>here</u>, or to see Mrs Gill for further advice. The bursary is discretionary and you do not always need to meet the criteria outlined.

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Gaining Valuable Work Experience

One essential component of the medical and dental application that universities look for is effective medical/dental work experience. These invaluable first-hand insights into medicine and dentistry are vital for aspiring healthcare professionals, and we understand how challenging this can often be to find, which is where Medic Mentor and Dental Mentor come in.

Crafted in collaboration with Birmingham Universities Hospitals Trust, the Medical and Dental Virtual Work Experience Programmes provide a unique glimpse into the medical and dental fields. Participation is free and open to any UK student aged 14 and above who has attended one of our FREE virtual Get Into Conferences!



Our upcoming Get Into Medicine conference is:

- Sunday 16th November from 9am - 1:30pm

Register here

More details



Our upcoming Get Into Dentistry conference is:

- Sunday 9th November from 9am - 1:30pm

Register here

More details

The Get into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry Conference offers a comprehensive guide to navigating the medical or dental application journey. Students gain crucial insights into the medical/dental UCAS application process, including the new focus on extracurricular activities. During this conference, myself and our team of mentors and scholars will guide students through essential topics such as:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools
- Personal Statements
- Medical/Dental School Interviews
- UCAT Entrance Exam, techniques and prep
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

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Unlock your potential with the Aspiring Professionals Programme - Y12

Gain firsthand experience in the top professions and the skills needed to achieve your aspirations. We provide:

- Mentoring with a professional via email
- ✓ Tailored skills sessions and career workshops
- University application and degree apprenticeship support and guidance
- ✓ Work experience with top employers

Further details

Apply Now!



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Child Trust Fund

Background

In 2000 Gordon Brown's government created Child Trust Funds – every child born between 1 Sept 2002 and 2 Jan 2011 received a £250 voucher (it did reduce to £50 in 2010) that parents could invest. Many have morphed into a Junior ISA. At 18, the child gets access to it. The £250 could now be worth £1900 so can pay for driving lessons, university support etc. When parents had done nothing with the £250 by the child's 1st birthday it was invested by HMRC. It is estimated that there are 2 million young adults who this applied to resulting in £2bn of "disconnected accounts" – the children or young adults do not realise they have one. Equally even if parents did invest in something, they may have forgotten about it.

Action for YOU!

Please ask your parents/carers if they know where your CTF is.

If they don't remember, or never invested it, or if you want to find out yourself: visit https://www.gov.uk/child-trust-funds/find-a-child-trust-fund to find the money – they will do a check against the CTF Register.

You will need your National Insurance number. Always seek appropriate financial advice if you are unsure about the best option for your situation.

