

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

Supporting Sixth Form Students to Achieve Their Best

To help our Sixth Form students reach their full potential, we are introducing some adjustments to reaffirm our key aims and address concerns raised by students. Below, we outline the changes and how we are responding to feedback:

Form Time

Currently, form time runs from 08:45 to 09:00. Students have shared that they feel this period is not sufficient for meaningful personal development. To address this, we have made the decision to bring the sixth form tutor time in line with the rest of the school. Form tutors will now be available in their classrooms from 08:37, and students are expected to arrive by 08:40, at which point the register will close. This change provides an additional 5 minutes each day for form activities. Please note that students arriving after 08:40 will be marked as late.

Supervised Study

We understand that at times there is high demand on our suitable study spaces and this has been a concern for some students and their parents/carers, particularly as it can encourage students to leave school site. In response, we are introducing a new supervised study space, available for the most in demand period of each day to ease this.

This designated area will allow students to focus on independent study with support from a member of the Sixth Form team. Additionally, it will serve as a structure environment for students who may need extra assistance in managing their attendance and study habits.

Attendance

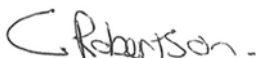
Attendance is critical to success in Sixth Form. Research consistently shows a strong link between high attendance and high academic performance. To support our students, we require them to be on-site throughout the school day, whether attending lessons, participating in enrichment activities, or engaging in independent study.

The only exception is during lunchtime. Students may leave the site between 12:20 and 13:00 using their cards and must sign back in via BioStore before returning to lessons or undertaking independent study.

If a student is unwell and unable to attend school, we kindly ask that parents or carers notify us directly, rather than the student themselves.

We are committed to supporting our students and their families. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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