

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all keeping well. It's hard to believe that our year 13s are now over half way through their last year in sixth form before they move on after their summer exams. I am writing to inform you of some important events happening during this half term in Year 13 as well as provide some additional information about various matters. I hope this information makes it easier for you to support your child at home.

As you know our year 13 students sat mock examinations in December 2021. We are so proud of how well year 13 coped with the experience. We were acutely aware that this was the first set of formal assessments in exam settings that they have sat since their last set of mock exams in year 11! All students rose to the occasion brilliantly; showing their commitment and dedication to their studies.

### **Year 13 Spring Term Events**

- **Final UCAS Deadline – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

This is the final deadline set by UCAS, after which students cannot submit an application for equal consideration. We are pleased to say that 98 year 13 students have successfully applied and most have already received offers/invitations to interview. This is a really exciting time! For any students who decide later on in the year that they may wish to go to university, in September 2022, they can apply through clearing when this opens on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Clearing is an option for

- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Sixth Form Parents Evening.**

I hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers having received their progress report. If you weren't able to virtually attend parents evening please do not hesitate to contact teachers via email (addresses can be found on the CLW website)

- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022: Afterschool Quiet Study starts.**

From this date onwards the common room is available for quiet study 3-5pm. This is voluntary for most students and is simply designed to provide students with a silent place to study. The classrooms in the sixth form centre also remain available for students to use as normal. Student should now be planning weekly revision, alongside their ongoing homework/study, in preparation for their A-level exams.

- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Apprenticeship Assembly.** Our academy career coordinator, Mr Scott will be delivering a session during tutor time to share information about apprenticeships, from what they are, where to find them and how to apply.
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022** – Deadline for the deposit to be paid for the Leaver's Ball. Full details of this event and payment information can be found on the separate letter for the Leaver's Ball.

- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 – Y13 Workshop: Student Finance**

Nottingham Trent University will be hosting a workshop giving an overview of student finance and the application process involved. We are hoping this will be in person, but if guidance doesn't permit, this will take place virtually. Key information and important website links will also be shared with you. If you wish to take a look now you can use the following links, although please note as the application window hasn't opened for 2022/23 yet, the information relates to last year, but is useful nonetheless.

<https://www.ucas.com/finance/undergraduate-tuition-fees-and-student-loans>

<https://www.gov.uk/get-undergraduate-student-loan>

- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022: Year 13 Mock Examinations.**

Students will sit mock examinations in all subjects. During this time period their normal timetable collapses as students are on study leave. They only need to attend for their examinations. This is a real opportunity for students to test themselves and see what progress they have made since their mock exams in December. Students should be using their study periods to revisit work and revise so they are as prepared as possible for any assessment such as their mock exams.

### **Careers Guidance**

Our academy careers adviser, Mr Panting, is available for 1 to 1 appointments in Sixth Form. If your child is interested in booking an appointment please ask them to speak to Mrs Pateman on Sixth Form reception.

### **Accepting University Offers**

Most students who have applied to university have received offers and are already considering which university offers they will accept. Below is a list of deadlines (from UCAS) about accepting university offers.

- If you receive your last decision on or before **19 May 2022**, your reply date is **9 June 2022** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).
- If you receive your last decision on or before **14 July 2022**, your reply date is **21 July 2022** (including Extra choices).

**A few words of caution about Unconditional offers:** A significant number of our year 13 university applicants have received unconditional offers, which means, if they accept the offer, they can go to study their course at that university regardless of their A-level results. While this signifies the strength of their application and of course relieves some pressure in the run up to exams I do want to share with you some words of caution, as I have with the students, who may be tempted to prepare less for their A-levels as a result of accepting an unconditional offer.

1. A-levels stay with you for life - Future employers will still want to know what your A-level grades are regardless of what classification of degree you have from university. So while you may be able to get into university with poor results, it will make you less employable after university – Your A-Levels don't go away!
2. To progress from first to second year at university you have to pass your first year. If you don't you may be able to resit the first year again. However, some universities are not allowing students to do this if their A-level grades were below the entry requirements for the course, despite them having been accepted onto the course in the first place with an unconditional offer. This means some students have no university course and poor A-levels, which makes it difficult for them to access any further Higher Education a year after leaving sixth form.

So in summary – if you accept an unconditional offer you must still work as hard as if you had a conditional offer! If your child has been made an unconditional offer I would strongly advise you talk through these points and ensure they understand the importance of still performing as best as they possibly can in their A-levels even if they accept the unconditional offer as their firm choice. All of the above has already been shared with the students and I will continue to reiterate this message during this term.

### **Afterschool Support Sessions**

Subject teachers and Heads of Department will be/will have already contacted home to inform parents and students who, based on performance in the Autumn term, are required to attend **compulsory** afterschool support in their subject. These afterschool support sessions are designed to support students in preparing for their A-levels. They also continue to remain open for any student who wishes to make use of them.

Please see the table below with all subjects listed for your reference.

Subject	Year group	Day	Time	Location
Biology	both (separate content sessions)	Tues/Wed	3pm	W35, W36
Chemistry	Year 12 & 13	Tuesday and Thursday	3pm	W52
Physics	Year 12 & 13	Wednesday	3pm	W34
Psychology	Year 12 & 13	Tuesday	3pm	W60
Criminology	Year 12 & 13	Thursday	3pm	W32
English Language & Literature	Year 12 & 13	Monday	3pm	W60
Media Studies	Y12 and 13	Tuesday	3pm	W6/12
History	Year 13 (Tudors)	Thursday	3:15pm	E17

Government & Politics	Year 13 (compulsory catch-up)	Wednesday week 22	3pm	E21
Geography	Year 13 (NEA)	Thursday	3pm	E32
DT	Y12 & 13	Tuesday	3pm	W24
Economics	Year 12 & 13	Monday Week 1	By appointment	W61
Business Studies	Year 13	Wednesday W2 and Thursday W1	3pm	W61
Law	Y12 & 13	Monday week 1 Wednesday W1&2	3-4pm	W61 E17
Music	Y12	Tuesday (and by arrangement at any other time)	3pm	W22
Drama	Year 12 & 13	Monday	3pm	W20/W21
Maths	Year 12 & 13	Monday and Tuesday	3pm	E3

**Easter Holiday Revision sessions:** Advanced notice that during the two week Easter holidays there will be revision sessions available for students to come to and receive additional support from their teachers. The timetable for these revision sessions will be sent out nearer the time.

**A few reminders:**

- Students must dress appropriately for a professional working environment. Therefore, they are not able to wear ripped jeans or tops showing their midriffs.
- Students are not allowed to have their phone visible anywhere on the school site apart from the sixth form block. Phones must never be seen or heard during lessons regardless of location. If students don't meet these expectations then their phones can be confiscated.
- It is a basic expectation that students attend all their timetabled lessons and tutor sessions, arriving on time. If your child is unable to attend school please contact Sixth Form (ext 274) or email [sixthformattendance@clwacademy.co.uk](mailto:sixthformattendance@clwacademy.co.uk)

I do hope all of the above information will allow us to work together in achieving the best possible outcomes for our students. If you have any queries or wish to discuss anything further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Mrs A Emsley

Head of Sixth Form

25<sup>th</sup> January 2022