

Upper School Bulletin

Monday 17th October 2016



Well done to the Upper School netball team who came second at the Waltham Forest netball rally.

Upper School Parent/Tutor Evening – Wednesday 2nd November

The Upper School Parent/Tutor evening will take place on **Wednesday 2nd November**. It is important that you and your parents attend, as your first tracking report will be discussed at the meeting. Please return your parent reply slips as soon as possible and make an appointment with your form tutor.

Paris Trip – Easter 2017

The Upper School trip to Paris will take place from Monday 17th April to Friday 21st April. The cost of the trip will be £419. Letters are available from the Upper School Office.

Debating Society

The Debating Society meets every Wednesday at 1:30 in Room 133. All students welcome.

A Level Literature Support

For Year 12 & 13 students studying English Literature there will be a weekly support session on Mondays in Room 136 from 3:15-4:15. It will commence on Monday 19th September. See Ms Watson for more details.

General Reminder

- Students and parents are reminded to **always** contact the Upper School Office when reporting absences, leaving items for collection or paying in cash payments. **The correct number for the Upper School is 020 8506 3871.**
- Students are reminded that other than for fire escape, they should not use the main school reception area as a walkthrough.
- Sixth Form toilets should be treated with respect and any problems to be reported to the Upper School office.

Year 12 Information

Year 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 5/10/16–11/10/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	12Q	100%
2 nd	12X	98.3%
3 rd	12V	96.9%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	12Q, 12X, 12Y	0.0%
2 nd	12P, 12L	0.6%
3 rd	12K, 12W	0.7%

Year 13 Information

Year 13 Prom

The Year 13 Prom will take place on Wednesday 5th July at the Kings Oak in High Beach. Please hand in the £10 deposit to the Upper School Office ASAP. Total cost of the ticket is £65.

Student Finance Talk

On Thursday 20th October, Y13 will be off timetable during Period 1 for a talk on student finance. Students will go to Period 2 as normal. The talk will take place in the Main Hall. Following the end of the assembly at 9am Y13 students need to sit in their "Y12" positions.

Re-Sit Forms/Predicted Grades

Re-sit forms are available from the Upper School Office or Ms Cole. These need to be returned ASAP. Re-sit forms must be submitted with payment enclosed, otherwise they will not be processed.

For modular A Levels, if a student is not re-sitting any modules in a subject, their A2 Predicted Grade will be their AS Grade. Only if a student is half way or more towards the higher grade boundary in terms of UMS Marks, and is re-sitting an AS Module, will they be predicted one grade higher at A2 than the AS grade they attained. *For the new style linear A Levels, students will be predicted a grade higher than they achieved at AS.*

Students need to bear in mind that the only opportunity they will have to sit AS re-sits is in the summer of 2017, when they will also be sitting A2 exams. Therefore, students should not be re-sitting more than one unit in each subject.

EPQ

A reminder that all students completing the EPQ must attend the weekly sessions on Mondays at 3:30 on 137. See Mr Belas for more information.

General Studies

It is not compulsory for Year 13 students to sit the A2 General Studies examination. However all students will be following the A Level Course during tutor time in order to develop their general knowledge. We advise Year 13 students who are applying to universities which accept the grade or points from General Studies to sit the exam, however it is optional. Students need to inform Mr Jenkins if they wish to be entered for A Level General Studies, it is an opt-in system.

Studying Abroad

Students interested in studying at a foreign university can find information on all universities in the world which run courses in English at www.astarfuture.co.uk

Year 13 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 5/10/16–11/10/16

Position	Tutor Group	Attendance %
1 st	13X	96.3%
2 nd	13P	90.9%
3 rd	13R	90.6%

Position	Tutor Group	Punctuality %
1 st	13Q, 13R, 13T, 13W, 13X	0.0%

Study in the Netherlands

Students who study at a Dutch University incur tuition fees of €1951 per year for 2015-16, a significant reduction on UK tuition fees. To find out more information on studying in the Netherlands visit www.studyinholland.co.uk

Apprenticeship & University Information

University Open Days

Students should avoid going to Open Days on a school day. If there is a special reason why you need to go to one that falls on a school day, you **MUST complete a yellow Absence Request Form** obtained from the Sixth Form Office. The Sixth Form will then decide whether to give you permission to attend or not.

Absence Request Forms MUST be filled in for university interviews also.

For a full list of University Open Days visit www.ucas.com/open-days

National Apprenticeships

www.future-talent.com is a national apprenticeship resource for 15-19 year olds. The website features apprenticeships, entry level jobs and courses for students who are not looking to go to university in September.

Careers Guidance Website

All About School Leavers is a website which provides advice, jobs and career information for students interested in the world of work when leaving school. The website address is; www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for This Week

Mon 17th Oct	Year 12 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Lansom
Tues 18th Oct	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Lansom
Wed 19th Oct			
Thurs 20th Oct	Upper School Assembly Period 1 – Y13 Student Finance Talk	Main Hall	Y13 students Main Hall
Fri 21st Oct	Last day of this half term		

Diary Dates for after half term

Mon 31st Oct	Year 12 Assembly English GCSE re-sit @ 9am	Refectory	Mr Mahmood
Tues 1st Nov	Year 13 Assembly	Refectory	Mr Lansom
Wed 2nd Nov	Parent-Tutor Evening		
Thurs 3rd Nov	Maths GCSE re-sit/ BMAT/HAT/MAT @ 9:15am		
	Upper School Assembly	Main Hall	Mr Jenkins
Fri 4th Nov	Maths GCSE re-sit @ 9am		

Have a good half term!

Mr Jenkins