

AMVC Sixth Form Bulletin January



Welcome to January's Sixth Form Parent Bulletin. Happy New Year to all our parents. This half term and especially January is busy, students have lots going on and lots to prepare for which you will find in summary below.

IMPACT

Both Year 12 and 13 are now in the process of being supported under the IMPACT Mentoring system. As a reminder to parents, IMPACT is a supportive process which we use in AMVC Sixth Form to help our students work towards their targets. It considers whether a student's monitoring reflects that they are meeting, working below or exceeding their target grades and looks to open a dialogue to enable them to meet their own goals and aspirations. We have spent a lot of time over the last few weeks having meaningful conversations with students about this system. Year 12 have just had their MP1 grades and Year 13 will shortly be entering phase 2 with their Mock results.

To give you an oversight about the process, we identify whether a student is below target by looking at their TPG (Teacher Predicted Grade) and their target. If a student is below they score a negative point, if they are meeting it they score 0 and if they are exceeding it is a positive. For example:

Target	TPG	Score
B	C	-1

Taking this into account we then cumulate their total score and identify them as high IMPACT (-4 score or more), Medium (-1 to -3), Low (0), Gold (any + score). We ask subject teachers, form tutors and us as a Sixth Form Leadership Team to then work alongside the student to identify targets and goals. The whole process cushions students and helps them to think about their vision for achievement. It does not dwell on "failure" or use a negative approach. We fully support the Growth Mindset model in Sixth Form and find that this is the most effective way to help students when they receive their monitoring.

UCAS 2022 Year 13

UCAS

We have had a record number of students apply to University this year and we are working hard to finish with the last few who are opting to apply. As a parent, you may want to have a look at the following website to assist with any questions you have about what happens next.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>

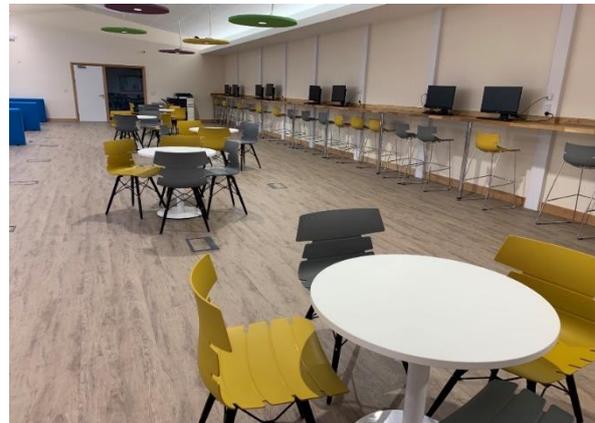
Students will be guided now in 'firming' and choosing their 'insurance' choice ready for the deadline in the spring.

UCAS for Year 12

We have now begun to discuss with Year 12 their future aspirations and are supporting them in beginning to explore what they may want to do when they finish in Summer 2023. In the summer term we will hold a parents' information evening about destinations and will endeavour to share more in this newsletter to keep you updated about things you can do to support your student in the meantime.

Sixth Form New Block

As you are aware the Sixth Form new block opened last term and I thought it would be nice to share with you some of the images of the space so you can see where your student is studying and socialising throughout the day. As you can see, it is a lovely spacious and vivid space for them to enjoy their time in Sixth Form.



Bursary

You can find information about the 16-19 Bursary here on the College website if you feel that your student may be eligible for financial support:

<https://www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk/page/?title=Bursaries&pid=108>

Year 12 Student Leadership Committee

Year 12 students who are interested in being part of the Student Leadership Committee have started to attend meetings to find out information about the roles and the application process. In these meetings, students are also bringing their ideas for new roles and areas of focus within the committee moving forward. The applications will open after February half term in readiness for the Head Students to be appointed by Easter, to assign their committee. The new Year 12 committee will then have the chance to work alongside Year 13 to gain experience and hand over ready for the next academic year.

Silver and Gold cards

All students have now been issued with their silver (Year 12) and gold cards (Year 13). These cards allow students to leave site in their free periods and lunch and break. This is a Sixth Form privilege and will be removed if a student fails to submit work on time, is late to school or for misconduct.

Late Gate

As a reminder, all students are expected to be on site by 8.40 am otherwise they have to report to "late gate" where a sanction will be issued.



Car Parking Permits



Many of our Sixth Form students choose to drive and are lucky enough to have their own cars. If they choose to park on site, they need to see Mrs Jones or Mrs Barnsley to get a car parking permit. Students park on site at their own risk and we carefully monitor the safe driving and parking in and around site. Parking on site is a privilege which we will remove if any driving or parking is viewed as irresponsible.

Dress Code

Students have all been reminded about the Sixth Form dress code. As we have started the new term, a few areas have been addressed with students. These include a reminder that:

- Skirts should be of an appropriate length (just above the knee)
- Blouses should be of a suitable material, not transparent and not in the form of a belly top
- No trainers, jeans or hoodies
- Hair colour should be of a natural shade
- Piercings should be discreet

Any student who has not adhered to the dress code will in the first instance, be spoken to by their Professional Tutor and then by a member of the pastoral team if the issue persists. You will be contacted as parents if dress code continues to be an issue and the student may be sent home to change.

GCSE and A Level Results days 2022

A Level results day will be held on Thursday 18 August and GCSE results day on Thursday 25 August. We will be running our Surgery Day which supports any issues with University places or results on Friday 26 August. More information will be shared across the year. Please make a note of these dates and it is advised that holidays are avoided at these times.

Highlight for mental health support

24/7 & Late Night Helplines
For young people

YoungMinds
Are you a young person in crisis?
Text the YoungMinds Crisis Messenger for free 24/7 support if you are experiencing a mental health crisis.
text YM to 85258
YOUNGMINDS

The Mix
Do you need help now?
Crisis messenger text service provides free, 24/7 crisis support
text THEMIX to 85258
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Papyrus
If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be you can contact HOPELINEUK for confidential support and advice.
Call 0800 068 4141
9am - midnight every day of the year

Samaritans
Whatever you're going through, you can call anytime from any phone for FREE.
Call 116 123
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YOUTH INSPIRED

CALM
A helpline for people in the UK who are down or have hit a wall for any reason, who need to talk or find information and support.
Call 0800 58 58 58
5pm - midnight every day of the year

Key Dates

- 21 January 2022 - MP2 for Year 13 sent home to parents
- 31 January 2022 - Year 13 Parents' Evening (online)
- 17 March - 31 March 2022 - Year 13 Mock window 2
- 1 April 2022 - MP2 for Year 12 sent home to parents
- 3 May - 13 May 2022 - Year 12 Exams
- 6 May 2022 - MP3 for Year 13 sent home to parents
- 27 June 2022 - Year 12 Parents' Evening (online)
- 28 June 2022 - Year 12 Parents' Destinations Evening (TBC in person or online)

If you have anything else that you would like to see in the Sixth Form parent bulletin please contact us below with your suggestions.

Questions and support

If you have any questions, concerns or queries please contact sixthform@arthurmellows.org and a member of the Sixth Form Team will get back to you as soon as they are able to

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