

Thursday 14 March 2013

Dear Parent/carer

RE: Year 11 Study Leave and support

We hope you had the opportunity to attend our Sixth Form Open Day in March. It was a great success and the response from parents and students was very positive in terms of the feedback to our state of the art facilities, the curriculum offer, high quality teaching and the social/learning spaces available for students to use. As part of our transitional programme into Sixth Form we will continue to support your daughter as she takes her next important steps in her education. To make that journey as smooth as possible I would like to outline the key dates and forthcoming events which will be important for your daughter and will support her transition.

Year 11 Study Leave

This will commence from **Friday 10 May from 3.15pm**. The date has been amended slightly due to large exams taking place the following week. Your daughter may still be requested to come into school for revision lessons by individual departments if this does not coincide with other examinations. A copy of the exam timetable is available on our webpage.

Year 11 Graduation

This event will take place on Tuesday 25 June alongside the Year 11 Thanksgiving Service. This will be a fantastic opportunity for you and your daughter to celebrate her achievements in school as well as looking forward to the future and formally mark the end of her main school education and celebrate her transition to further education.

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 22 August

GCSE results will be handed out between 10am and 12noon on this day. Our Careers Advisor and Learning Mentor, Kevin Fay, will also be present to offer impartial advice and guidance regarding courses in Sixth Form. Your daughter will complete her Year 12 Options and Admission form during this time and will receive an appointment card as to what time she needs to come to the Sixth Form common room for finalising coursing and timetabling in September. Entry onto a Year 12 course is at the discretion of Mr Alderman, Head teacher. Every place in the Sixth Form is subject to continued satisfactory progress, effort and attendance. Please see the Governor's entry requirements on our Sixth Form webpage www.stjulies.org.uk

Induction activities for Year 12 students

Year 11 to 12 Summer School Event

Year 11 students who have applied for Sixth Form will be invited back to school from Monday 8 July until Friday 12 July. Pre-course guidance lessons will be available for students to attend and support them in bridging the gap between GCSE and AS Levels. Assessment materials and course information will also be provided during this time. Your daughter will also have full access to the sixth form facilities and will have a flexible timetable during this week to accommodate the courses which she has provisionally chosen during her Year 11 interview. Your daughter may also be able to opt into other taster lessons in order to experience a typical sixth form course and understand the difference between the types of qualifications available in sixth form. More information regarding the summer school will be sent out in May.

From September 2013

In September a company called Live "n" Learn will deliver a workshop to new Year 12 students which will focus on critical thinking skills, independent learning, motivation, development of study skills and supporting the transitional change from GCSE to AS courses.

The following activities and events have also been planned for the autumn term;

September	Coursing checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students to check courses and ask any questions about Sixth Form
	LJMU – Introduction to HE (presentation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative from the university will speak to students about university life and about possible degree courses available
	LJMU – The Right Move (presentation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making the right decisions about next steps after Sixth Form
	Study skills workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent learning/critical thinking/transition from GCSE to AS Reviewing Student booklet and expectations for AS courses
October	Study skills workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing Student booklet and expectations for AS courses
	Applications for Introduction to Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal Liverpool Hospital
	Prep for Christian Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students select their options for the Christian Action/Enrichment programme
November	Progress Reviews of Data Point 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form Tutor to discuss targets and progress with individual students Progress Reviews begin with the Sixth Form team
	Christian Action begins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of year 12 students to take part.
December	Achievement Awards event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awards for 100% attendance, commendations, charity work etc...
	Annual Fancy Dress event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charity event

The Key Stage 4 to 5 Transitional programme is vital in supporting your daughter as she makes her next steps and ensures that she is fully prepared for Sixth Form life. If you have any questions about the above information please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you for your continued support and we wish your daughter the very best of luck in her forthcoming examinations.

Yours faithfully,



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