# **Kineton Sixth**

# Summer Parent Update



We have been very impressed with how students in the Sixth Form have returned to school focused and ready to learn in their lessons. Students are all looking very smart and we have had to issue very few dress code warnings. As we move into the warmer months can I please remind parents to ensure students are adhering to the dress code in hot weather, in particular ensuring that skirt and dress lengths are appropriate and shoulders are covered, I have attached a copy of the dress code for your reference.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the four Year 12 students who were successful in joining our Head Boy and Girl team, and all of the students who applied. Megan, Chloe, William and Mia successfully navigated a three part application process; I look forward to working with them as we move through the year.

We have many reasons to celebrate success this term in the Sixth Form, Year 13 students making their final and firm University choices, students taking part in mental health first aider training, Kineton Cabinet appointments and excellent academic successes. Our students have shown that despite the strange times we are in we can still achieve great things; here's to achieving many more!

Miss Loveridge

# Year 12 Updates:

# Mock Exams:

To facilitate the internal assessments of Year 11 and 13 there has been a change to the calendared date for Year 12 mock exams. These will now take place between 7th and 21st June, the assessments will take place in classrooms within lessons under exam conditions.

The outcomes of these assessments, along with attendance and attitude to learning data, will be used to assess students against our Year 13 entrance criteria. Any students who do not meet these criteria will have a review meeting with the Head of Sixth Form and parents to discuss next steps, if this applies to your child you will be notified before the end of the academic year.

# EPQ

Students completing the EPQ are required to submit a full draft of their 5000 word dissertation on Monday 7th June, they will then receive further feedback on how to improve. Students will need to complete their dissertation by the end of the summer term. Over the summer break students will be expected to complete their evaluation of their project and prepare their power point presentation.

The EPQ will be formally assessed within the first term back in September. Students will continue to receive support from the EPQ mentor until their assessment or October half term (whichever is earliest).

# UCAS and Applying for University

Following on from their individual careers meetings with Mrs Moore, students should now be well on their way to exploring their possible post-18 choices, and where applicable, starting to narrow down their preferred Universities and choices. Students will have the opportunity to further explore these options through the virtual UCAS Discovery Days organised by Mrs Moore. Students will be expected to complete a first draft of their personal statement in the final half term of this year. They will receive feedback and guidance on their personal statement from their form tutor, in addition to further input from the University of Reading through our Character and Culture programme. We are hopeful that Universities will once again offer face to face open days, however until then we strongly encourage students to participate in virtual open days where possible. Students will submit their UCAS application at the end of October.

# Work Experience

We are currently exploring options for students to complete face to face work experience that is valuable in preparing them for their next steps. A letter and more information will be sent to parents shortly.

# Kineton Sixth Autumn Parent Update



# <u>Year 13 Updates</u>

# **Finalising Univeristy Offers**

As we move to the end of the year it is important that students in Year 13 have finalised their responses to their University or Apprenticeship offers. Students have an individual deadline in 'Track' and must respond by this deadline otherwise they will forfeit their place. Please contact your child's tutor if you have any questions regarding this.

# Leavers Packages and Events

We are moving towards saying our final farewells to our Year 13 students. Students have worked tirelessly towards achieving the best outcomes and we are incredibly proud of them. As explained in the letter sent directly to parents we will be hosting a 'leavers day' for Year 13 students on Friday 28th May. Students will participate in a variety of social events and will finish on that day at 12.30pm. Please do let Miss Loveridge know if your child needs to stay on site until 2.45pm that day. We will be allowing Year 13 students to attend school in non uniform on this day.

We have now finalised the order for the yearbook, thank you for your prompt payment. The deadline for payment for the leavers hoodie is Monday 26th April. The year books and hoodies will be given to students (all being well) on their final day.

We are working with our Social Committee and local suppliers to organise a final social event for students to take place instead of the traditional 'Prom'. We are hoping to finalise these plans in the coming weeks and share these with you.

# Alumni Group

We would like to start an Alumni of Kineton Sixth to enable us to keep in touch with our past students, share in their successes and also develop partnerships with a wide range of industries to support current students in the Sixth Form.

We will therefore be asking students in Year 13 to 'opt in' to our Alumni and provide a personal email address that will be held confidentially in school.

If your child is under 18 and you do not wish for them to 'opt in' to this scheme please let your child's form tutor know.

We are hoping this will be the start of an Alumni legacy.

# Summer Term and Results Days

Please be assured that although they will not be in school full time we will still be on hand to support students and parents in Year 13 until they officially leave us in August. Students and parents are more than welcome to email tutors or Miss Loveridge/Mrs Moore with questions/queries regarding transition to University/Apprenticeships or the world of work.

Results day has been moved by the DFE and will now take place on Tuesday 10th August. Information will be sent to students and parents before the end of the academic year about times and arrangements for this day.