

RM/DH

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

### **HUISH SIXTH – YEAR 12 SUMMER TERM UPDATE**

I am writing to ensure you are fully informed about forthcoming events during the Summer Term.

#### Sixth Form Exams

The AS exams start on **Monday 16 May 2016**. Please be aware that some exams are timetabled outside these dates. Please note that the timings of the day are subject to change on occasion and the venues will be confirmed nearer the start dates. **Students are expected to attend all lessons until the last exam in the relevant subject is completed so that teachers can prepare them as thoroughly as possible.**

We have re-structured our 'tutor period' to provide additional help for students. Teachers are available to provide subject specific support from 2.00 pm – 2.20 pm, Monday – Thursday. It is essential that students access the support to ensure the best outcomes. We strongly advise students to commit to at least 3 hours revision a day as a guideline.

#### Work Experience – Monday 13 June 2016 – Friday 17 June 2016

All students should have organised or be in the process of organising their work placement for June. For those who haven't yet done this, support is available from both Mr Barrett, the Work Experience Coordinator, and Mrs Higman, the Careers Adviser. A number of students will have exams this week and therefore need to arrange work experience at another time.

BTEC students who have **not** organised a work experience placement, **MUST** attend Huish Sixth during the week of 13 June – 17 June 2016 instead, in order that they catch up with or complete any outstanding coursework.

Any student who does **not** attend a work experience placement during the designated week, will be marked as an **Unauthorised Absence, unless they have exams**.

#### A2 Courses

A2 courses start on **20 June 2016**. A two-day Careers Conference will take place on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 July 2016. The purpose of the Conference is to introduce the UCAS programme for university applications, to plan and write personal statements, to attend interview training and plan the next step. We have invited a large number of outside speakers from both Higher Education, training and employment to ensure that all students are fully prepared. **Attendance is compulsory.**

Students are expected to attend all lessons in all their subjects until the end of the Summer Term. Students are strongly advised not to drop a subject until they have received their results, and will not be able to continue on a course if their attendance is unsatisfactory for that subject. All students must continue with at least three subjects.

#### Results Day

AS results will be available on Thursday 18 August 2016 at 9.00 am in Huish Sixth.

***Please Note: AS students must achieve a minimum of grade D in their subjects in order to continue studying the subject at A2 Level. This must be achieved in the exam component of any subject with coursework element. Students are required to study a minimum of three subjects within Year 13.***

#### Attendance

Students are reminded that they must swipe in electronically at all times, including during the exam period.

Please find enclosed an information booklet to support students in the approach to their exams. We have provided students with advice, guidance and support on how to cope with exams. In addition, copies of an NHS booklet, "The Little Book of Mental Health" which is a practical guide for everyday emotional wellbeing, are available in the Sixth Form Café and the Study Room.

In conclusion, the summer term is crucial in terms of students preparing for their AS exams. Teachers continue to offer substantial additional revision opportunities, so please encourage your child to attend.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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