

Sixth Form Newsletter



A warm welcome to Sixth Form's first of the year's newsletter. We want to start with thanking all the students for their perseverance, and mature understanding of the current climate, it's not been an easy start for them and particularly with the way in which we have had to create the various bubbles throughout school to make sure they are safe. We are fully aware that we have all had very different experiences during lockdown and the return to school may have required a degree of bravery for some students. We are really proud of the start you have all made!



Key Dates

HALF TERM
26—30 October

Year 13 Mocks
23 Nov - 4 December

Baggeridge Aerial Ropes

As we continue to cope with uncertainty over a number of things in our lives I'm really proud that Bishop Milner sixth form have not let things grind to a halt so far this year, year 12 and 13 students have been lucky enough to attend a socially distanced (Outdoors) team building event at Baggeridge Park. This was a brilliant day and gave the students a chance to really get to know one another.



UCAS Applications

Year 13s have been working hard towards their UCAS applications with sessions every week and one to one support available with

appointments through Ms Wilkins. It's never too early for our year 12s to be thinking about their options for when they leave school and there is a very good guidance page linked below.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-where-study>

Year 13s also had a virtual live session with Birmingham University, Newman University and Oxford University covering everything from UCAS applications, Student



Finance, Birmingham A 2 B scheme with a virtual visit to Oxford's Oriel College thrown in. Year 12s had an assembly, all about aspirations to Oxbridge.

Student Wellbeing

To support the well-being of our students our PSHE, tutor time and assemblies have mostly been about recognising and getting support for poor mental health. Looking at the danger signs of stress and anxiety, as well as ways to support yourself and your friends.

We have spent a lot of time looking at how screen time and social media platforms can both support and hinder your mental health and look at options to cut down your screen time and use it in a more supportive way. Remember if you need support with your mental health talk to the Sixth Form Team or your tutor, you can also contact the following organisations:

TheMix.org.uk

Rethink.org.uk

YoungMinds.co.uk

HARVEST FESTIVAL

After half term we will be celebrating Harvest festival with Sixth form collecting tinned and packaged food for the Black Country Food bank.

Donations will be gratefully received and information on what is needed will be on the school website as well as the school's Facebook account.

