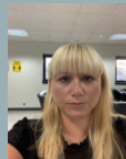


Meet the UKAT Sixth Form Team



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Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to UKAT Sixth Form's February Newsletter. We hope that you are all staying safe and well at this time as it is such a difficult situation for everyone.

Our usual Parents/Carers Evening which should have taken place in January was postponed due to the announcements at Christmas that the Summer exams would not go ahead as planned. As the Government will announce their plans on the 22nd February, we have decided to hold a Year 12 and 13 Parents/Carers Evening on the 25th March from 4pm to discuss progress, engagement and the process ahead. This will be held online, and details will be sent to you in the new term. This is a new system to the Academy, which we have already trialled with Year 7 and it had an extremely positive reaction, so we are hopeful that our sixth Form evening will run smoothly. The Sixth Form Team will also be available on that evening to discuss any concerns or queries that you may have.

We cannot believe how this year has flown by already and we are dearly hoping to welcome all students back as soon as we can. We are pleased to see how well the majority of the Sixth Form have adapted to online learning again and the different expectations that they have had this time. All lessons are endeavouring to deliver at least 50% Live lessons and all other work should be set via Edmodo, other online groups or via email. At this uncertain time, it is even more important that all students are fully engaged and completing all class work and coursework.

Top Tips!

Staying in touch is vital to being successful. All students have a UKAT email address, and this is the first point of contact between them, their teachers, and the Sixth Form team. We would ask that students check their emails regularly to keep updated with important information. Likewise, please keep us updated as to absences and lateness as soon as possible. If you have concerns with online lessons, technology or any other issues please contact the Sixth Form team.

Careers Guidance

Despite online learning we have continued to ensure that all students have the correct information, advice and guidance required for them to choose their next steps carefully. Year 12's have recently finished a Careers Programme delivered by the University of Kent Ambassadors, and next term they will start the University and Apprenticeships process to ensure they are fully prepared. All students should be attending any Teams meetings with their PPD or Personal Tutor as this is often when these sessions are delivered.

Year 13 have just finished their UCAS applications, and we are really pleased to announce that despite the huge difficulties they have had since the start of their Sixth Form Studies, we have a record number of applications to University and to Medical, Veterinary and Dental courses and also applications to Oxford and Cambridge. It is so lovely to know that despite the pandemic our students have not let it affect their high aspirations!

Please stay safe and enjoy the half term, we hope to see you all in person soon!

February 2021

Upcoming Events

End of Term 3

Friday 12th February 2021

Start of Term 4

Monday 22nd February 2021

Key Dates for Term 4

Year 12 and Year 13 Parent/Carer Evening - **Thursday 25th March 2021**. This will be held online, and information will be sent to you at the start of next term.

Exam Information

The government will update us on the 22nd February on how students will be assessed this year. We will then inform you of the assessment process as soon as possible.

Careers Advice

For Year 13 students planning on going to University in September 2021 we will be offering finance talks on Friday 26th February during PPD and PT time. Links will be sent to you.

You will need to accept your FINAL and INSURANCE choices by **10th June 2021**.
Clearing will open on 5th July 2021.
Finance deadline to apply is 22nd May.

For students planning on going to University in 2022, now is the time to start your research. Universities are offering Virtual Open Days and these dates will be posted on their individual websites.

"Find out what you like doing best and get someone to pay you for doing it".
Katherine Whitehorn.