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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back

Headteacher : Jennie Giovanelli

We are delighted to welcome students to the start of their Post 16 journey with us. Year 12 marks an exciting stage in our students' educational journey with new courses and a very different school life to Year 11. Year 12 is a considerable step up from GCSEs and all of us are here to support and guide students to ensure they reach their potential. We will provide lots of support during the year on managing time and work load, as well as study skills, aspirations and next steps. Please get in touch if you have any questions about how you can support and guide your child.

Home-School Communication

Communication is very important to us here at Kingsthorpe College so I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Year 12 Team. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Murray – Head of Year 12
 Mr Campbell – Deputy Head of Year 12 & 13
 Mrs de-Wit – Director of Post 16
 Miss Eddy – Senior Deputy Headteacher

Additionally, our Year 12 tutor team bring a vast range of experience and will be your first point of contact should any issues arise. If you have any subject specific issues, please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teachers or our Learning Directors.

All parents or guardians will be given to the opportunity to meet tutors, during a 1:1 appointment on 22nd September 2022. More information about how to book your appointment time will be sent via the Arbor App. Should you need access this app, please email reception@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk and they will be able to share with you your logo details.

Post 16 Study Leave

Post 16 students can work from home during a time when they do not have timetabled lesson. Study leave is granted to students who meet the criteria of having a minimum of 96% attendance, less than 5 late sessions to school and less than 6 behaviour points over any given term. Eligibility for home study is reviewed at set periods in the year and will not be granted midterm. Additionally, the student needs to not be an academic cause for concern in any subject. Home study for Year 12 students will begin in January 2023.

Support and Opportunities for Year 12

We aim to enhance the Year 12 experience by providing opportunities for both our parents and students. You will find a summary below that details the main events that will take place this year. There will be additional opportunities throughout the year for students to go and take part in university open days. There may be some funding available for some students, which is detailed in the bursary section below.



Bursary

Financial support is available to eligible students aged between 16 – 19. If the eligibility criteria are met, there is funding available for things like transport, books, equipment, field trips, university interviews and open days. Further details of our policy along with an application form will be shared with students early in October with the intention of accessing the funding in November, January and again in April.

Key Dates for your Diary – Year 12

22 nd September 2022	Meet the Tutor Evening (15:30 – 18:00)
19 th September	Year 12 Baseline Tests begin
3 rd October	Review of Year 12 Baseline Tests could result in course changes
20 th October	Attitude to Learning report published
1 st December	Year 12 & 13 Progress Evening with subject teachers (15:30 – 19:00)
5 th December	Year 12 Formal Assessments begin
10 th January 2023	Vocational Exams begin
27 th January	Year 12 progress monitoring report published
22 nd May	UCAS application launched with Year 12
19 th June	Year 12 Trial Exams begin
19 th July	Results and progress monitoring report published from Trial Exams

Student Leadership Opportunities

Student leadership opportunities will be offered to Year 12 students who desire to represent their year group and their views to make an impact and change towards their Post 16 experience. Opportunities include academic mentoring, student voice, tutoring, charity work, Duke of Edinburgh, Year 11 transition support and open evenings, all of which could further strengthen their applications to UCAS or apprenticeships and employability.

Work Experience

Work experience opportunities will be provided to students in March to further widen and assist their employability experiences. Experiences may consist of and include work at primary schools, NHS, council work, charities, media, retail, sales and banking. Students will have the opportunity to engage with an occupation of their own personal interests to gain first-hand experience of the working world.

Senior Deputy Headteacher's message

As Deputy Headteacher overseeing Post 16, I am excited about the year ahead and know how proud we will all be of Kingsthorpe College's Year 12s progress throughout the academic year. I know our students have an enormous amount of potential, as well as an extremely supportive environment in school which should enable them to thrive and achieve success. It is, however, vital that we don't underestimate the hard work needed to be successful, and that all parties work collectively to support our students in dreaming big, working hard, and staying humble.

I look forward to meeting you over the course of this academic year and if you do require any further advice or information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Miss D Eddy
Senior Deputy Headteacher