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Dear Parent/Carer

Headteacher : Jennie Giovannelli

Welcome Back

We are delighted to have our Post 16 students back onsite after the summer break. Year 13 is such an important academic year, and I thought it would be helpful to outline the year ahead and provide some information on how the school and I will support your child through the final year of their A-Level studies.

The journey through Year 13 can bring many challenges, including completing the course syllabus, meeting coursework deadlines, and developing effective revision and exam techniques. It can be a stressful and daunting year, however I would like to extend our support to you for the year ahead - every single member of staff here at Kingsthorpe College is absolutely dedicated to supporting you and your child throughout this time.

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 13 Team. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ms Mellor – Head of Year 13

Mr Campbell – Deputy Head of Year 12 & 13

Mrs de-Wit – Senior Leader for Post 16.

Miss Eddy – Senior Deputy Headteacher

Additionally, our Year 13 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 the opportunity to meet tutors, during a 1:1 appointment on 22nd September 2022.

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. Student also need to complete their UCAS application, work experience booklet and have no academic concerns before any study leave is granted. Eligibility for home study will be reviewed after half term.

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 a few to access the funding in November, January and again in April.



Trial Exams

Year 13 students will have two opportunities to complete trial examinations, both in November and again in January. We feel that it is important that all students experience sitting exams in a formal way so they are best prepared for next summer. It also allows students to reflect and prioritise their revision and how to consolidate their learning. In addition, it provides us with the information we need to provide personalised support for students to ensure that they are on target to achieve their university entry requirements.

UCAS applications

There are specific deadlines for students when applying to university depending on the courses in which they are applying. If students are wishing to apply for Oxbridge, medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, we have an internal deadline of 24/09/22 and the official UCAS deadline is 15/10/22. For all other courses, all students must apply to UCAS by 26/11/22 - this will allow teachers to complete references by the official date of 25/01/23.

Support and Opportunities for Year 13

We aim to enhance the Year 13 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.

Key Dates for your Diary – Year 13

22 nd September 2022	Meet the Tutor Evening (15:30 – 18:00)
20 th October	Attitude to Learning report published
4 th November 2022	Year 13 Trial Exams 1
1 st December	Year 12 & 13 Progress Evening with subject teachers (15:30 – 19:00)
15 th December	Results and progress monitoring report published from Trial Exams 1
10 th January 2023	Vocational Exams begin
12 th January 2023	Year 11 and 13 Success Fayre (17:30 – 19:00)
30 th January 2023	Year 11 Trial Exams 2
16 th March 2023	Results and progress monitoring report published from Trial Exams 2
8 th May – 30 th June 2023 (tbc)	A-level Exams begin

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 Class of 2023 when their results arrive in August. 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 their full potential. It is, however, vital that we don't underestimate the effort 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