



Friday, 13 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Sixth Form Academic Update

Firstly, may I wish you a happy and prosperous new year! I would like to update you about what has been a very busy start to the new year in the Sixth Form, and remind you of notable dates for your diary over the next few weeks.

Year 13

Students in Year 13 have today completed their formal practice examinations. They will be given results of individual subjects over the next couple of weeks, and parents will receive their overall results in Orders issued on **3 February 2023**. You will also have the opportunity to discuss your son/daughter's attainment and progress at the online Parents' evening on **8 February 2023**.

I am also pleased to report that the last remaining UCAS applications have almost been completed. Our students applied to almost 1000 courses in the UK, USA and Europe; for some of our students this involved selection interviews and they are just beginning to receive responses. Over 400 conditional offers have been received so far; Universities will be making final decisions by the spring and we will continue to support students in any actions they may need to take before then and afterwards. We are also delighted to have several students receive offers of graduate apprenticeships following a series of challenging steps of application. I would like to thank all the staff at Borlase for their support in this process.

Year 12

Students in Year 12 have made a great start to the new year. Earlier this week, Form Tutors met with each student to reflect on their latest Orders, and set targets for the remainder of the academic year. **After February half-term**, we are holding an assessment week to check students' progress across all subjects, and Orders reporting the outcome of these tests will be issued on **17 March 2023**, followed by an in-person Parents' Evening meeting on **21 March 2023**.

Last term, I wrote to you about the forthcoming Futures' Evening on **26 January 2023, 6pm onwards**. If you haven't done so already, may I remind you to reserve your place to accompany your son/daughter on the evening - please [refer to the letter](#) which details all the information, and how to reserve a place.

All Students

I am very proud of the many accomplishments of our Sixth Form students, and they continue to be an excellent role model for our younger students. So that they can continue to lead by example, I would like to indicate our leadership expectations for Years 12 and 13:

- 1. Use of Language and reinforcing positive behaviour :** Although our students at Borlase are generally very courteous, we remind Sixth Formers that their use of language should always be exemplary with each other and with younger, impressionable pupils, who look up to their older peers, and model behaviour around what they observe. In particular, we rely on Sixth Form students to report any use of discriminatory behaviour or language and assist staff to uphold the highest standards with regards to behaviour.
- 2. Mobile Phones Usage :** The use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited for students in years 7-11, and Sixth Form students are only permitted to use them in designated areas, notably in Years 12 and 13 study rooms, Mimi's and the hall during lesson time only. They must not have their phones visible outside these areas, or during break and lunchtime when younger students can see phones being used. Furthermore, use of phones is restricted to playing music with headphones, checking timetables, or short browsing for educational purposes. They must not be used for Social Media, and, for safeguarding purposes, taking photographs or videos of other students is strictly prohibited.
- 3. Uniform :** Our Sixth Form uniform requirements are [published on the school website](#), as well as in student planners. May I ask that you support us in ensuring that your son/daughter attends school with the correct uniform, paying particular attention to wearing a blazer, tie (boys only), shirts tucked in, and correctly coloured jumpers with V-neck if worn. Students must not wear hoodies, baggy jumpers, sports kit, or any non-uniform items.

We recognise that for skirt wearers, lengths are hard to define, and getting the right skirt is more ambiguous than trouser suits (which are permitted). For this reason, we will shortly be consulting Student Voice Committee (SVC) members from the Sixth Form to agree a way forward.

Using mobile phones outside designated areas, or wearing items of non-uniform, will result in them being confiscated and held until the end of the day. If phones are confiscated a third time in a single week, they will remain in Reception until parents can collect them before 4.00 p.m. You would receive an email communication from Reception.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

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