



Friday 12 January 2024

## Happy New Year

I hope you had a good break. The College is back in full swing with a packed term full of activities, events and assessments. Please take time to read the diary dates at the end of the bulletin to ensure you know what is coming up. With the weather turning colder, please familiarise yourself with the adverse weather procedures in this bulletin in case of snowfall in the coming months.

*Nick Clark, Principal*

## Support for Students

This term can be challenging for our students with deadlines and starting to think about the end of the year. The College offers a lot of support to help your son/daughter/young person if they are struggling. Please encourage students to speak to their Tutors and we also have a wealth of support that they can access.

All students can access Wellbeing Assessments through booking an appointment on their portal, where they can gain advice and guidance about the help they can obtain. The college also offers in-house counselling through Relate.

- There is a **parent webinar online via zoom** for how to support your son/daughter/young person throughout the exam period this is on **Tuesday 12 March 2024 6-7pm**
- And the College is also running an **Exam Anxiety Session** on the **Wednesday 13 March for students from 4:30-5:15pm in P107 on College site.**

Tickets for both events can be accessed through the college website by [clicking here](#).

The College also works with many outside agencies such as Reaching Out Team, Dorking Health Care Talking Therapies, the Samaritans, and many others.

Due to the growing concerns with mental health, the NHS have developed a new mental health crisis line that can be used 24/7 the number is 0800 9154644. Please use this number if you are worried about a young person. The following is also a good source of information [Where to get urgent help for mental health - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

# Review Meetings

The Review Meetings were held via SchoolCloud just prior to the Christmas break. The purpose of these meetings was to provide students and their parents with an opportunity to discuss targets with their teachers. Hopefully, you found the meetings useful and both you and your son/daughter/young person are clear how each target will be achieved. To support this work, your son/daughter/young person has been provided with all the resources required for each subject.

We are aware parents cannot always attend these meetings, but it was made clear to students that they were expected to make an appointment to speak to their teachers. Unfortunately, some students did not attend their meetings and therefore, missed the opportunity to agree an action plan for success. If your son/daughter/young person missed their meetings, we would appreciate your support in encouraging them to utilise the resources available to give them the best chance of achieving the highest possible grades.

## Careers

### **Students applying to university.**

All students have been e mailed the College's "UCAS What next?" guide, which includes information about replying to offers and links to information about student Finance.

Please ask your son/daughter/young person to keep a close eye on their college and personal emails for any correspondence regarding their UCAS applications either from the college careers team or from UCAS.

### **Students applying for Apprenticeships and Employment**

Students wishing to independently attend the National Apprenticeship show at Sandown Park, Epsom, Surrey on Tuesday 27 February can register their interest using the following link.

[National Apprenticeship Show, Sandown Racecourse](#). We ask that students who wish to attend book a place outside of their normal timetabled hours.

College staff will not be in attendance so if your son/daughter/young person attends the college will assume you have consented.

## Adverse weather

The College has well established procedures for dealing with disruptive weather such as heavy snow. In the event of adverse weather, students should check their mobile phone, College Portal, email, College website and social media for messages from the College. If your son/daughter/young person has changed his/her/their mobile phone number during this term and has not informed the College, they should update their details at Reception.

# Exams

All Upper Sixth A-level students will sit mock exams from Monday 19 to Friday 23 February. When available, students can view their exam timetable on the College Portal. A-level lessons will not take place this week, however, students are expected to attend their other lessons. The only exception would be if they have an exam in the afternoon and would therefore be granted exam leave in the morning. There will be no U6th tutorial that week. Please remember that mock exams may be used as evidence in the unlikely event of public exams not taking place this summer. All students MUST read the Candidate Exam Handbook at [click here](#)

# Diary dates

What	When	Details
Structured Learning Day 2	Wednesday 17 January	Students study independently at home
Half Term	Monday 12 – Friday 16 February	
Upper Sixth Mock Examinations	Monday 19 –Friday 23 February	
Structured Learning Day 3	Monday 26 February	Students study independently at home
Cross College Musical Legally Blonde	Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 March	Tickets available on the website
Get Ahead Day for Lower Sixth (Structured Learning Day for Upper Sixth)	Tuesday 19 March	Upper Sixth students study independently at home
Cross College Play–Macbeth	Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 March	Tickets available on the website
Spring Concert	Thursday 21 March	Tickets available on the website
Last day of Spring Term	Thursday 28 March	College finishes at normal time 4.15pm
Start of Summer Term	Monday 15 April	