



## SIXTH FORM - 5 MINUTE UPDATE

### AUTUMN TERM 1 2024



FINHAM PARK  
SIXTH FORM

#### Half Term 1:

##### Welcoming our new Yr12 intake!

We have been delighted to welcome over 175 students into our Year 12 this September to join the 190 that have moved into Year 13.

These Year 12 students have been settling into life at Finham Park Sixth form and have been getting used to A-Level lessons and how to use their study periods.

We have been working hard to train students to talk about 'study periods' rather than 'free periods'. Please do support us by using this language at home.

##### Continuing to support Year13 on their next steps;

Year 13 students are now well underway with their exploration and applications that will take them on their next steps of their post Sixth Form journey. They have had P1 sessions on how to complete UCAS applications, how to choose the right course for you and how to find apprenticeships.

In previous weeks we have also finalised and submitted 15 "Early Entry" University applications for students applying to Oxford University, Cambridge University and courses in Medicine.

##### Importance of reading;

This article has recently been published, talking about the importance of reading literature to get the best examination grades.

[https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/id/eprint/10061478/3/Jerrim\\_Fiction\\_Paper\\_Nov\\_2018\\_With\\_Author\\_Names.pdf](https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/id/eprint/10061478/3/Jerrim_Fiction_Paper_Nov_2018_With_Author_Names.pdf). There has never been any doubt that extended reading is very beneficial for students, but the link between reading of literature and academic achievement is fascinating. We have recently partnered with Earlsdon Library, and have taken a delivery of over 100 fiction books they have kindly donated. The are available for students to use if they need a short break.

#### Key Dates:

8<sup>th</sup> November: Yr12/13 progress check data collection  
28<sup>th</sup> November: UCAS submission deadline  
28<sup>th</sup> November: Sixth Form Open Evening  
29<sup>th</sup> November: School closed – Teacher Training  
5<sup>th</sup> December: Year 13 parents evening  
18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Concert  
20<sup>th</sup> December: Finish for Christmas break. (Return 8/1)  
WB 8/1 and 13/1: Yr13 Mock Exams

#### In mentor period this half term, students have covered;

Year 12 – Main Focus - Study Skills including;

- How to take note
- How to revise
- How to study independently
- Time management and use of phones

Year 13 – Main Focus – Careers/Next Steps including;

- Writing a personal statement/covering letter
- How to choose a course/apprenticeship
- How to answer questions in interviews
- UCAS completion support.

Why are we telling you this?

*Please spend some time discussing these topics with students. Ask them about their study plans or applications.*

#### Period 6+ talks delivered:

- Germain Ndaruhutse - Surviving the genocide in Rwanda
- Naomi Davies - Careers in physiotherapy
- Jack Eaves - Applying for medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine

#### Upcoming;

- Mostafa Abdelshafi - Graduate apprenticeships at Rolls Royce
- Jim Davies - Working for the environment agency
- Connor Heath - Working for JLR
- Patrick Dale - Applying to Oxbridge

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**Your first port of call should always be your child's mentor.**