

Year 12 Parents

5th May 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you very much for supporting the school in assessing and monitoring your child during their first year at The Crypt School's VI Form. I am delighted with how well students have risen to the challenge of VI Form studies. They have been working hard and making the most of the many opportunities provided by staff in terms of support, revision and extra-curricular opportunities. I am confident their commitment will yield some excellent results this summer. Please allow me to take this opportunity to remind you that Year 12s will start Study Leave on Monday, 16th May and resume normal lessons, starting the Year 13 curriculum, on Monday, 13th June. Some teachers are offering revision sessions during Study Leave, please find attached the relevant timetable. Sometimes, students can request specific support, if they feel they need it too. If students come into school during Study Leave, for revision or because they have an exam, they will need to wear full school uniform and sign in and out of school at the main school reception.

Students have been given a form to indicate which subjects they will wish to continue studying next year and which one they will drop. Please discuss this form with your child and provide plenty of encouragement. Students should try their best in **all** their AS levels as their grades will determine their university offers. Forms must be returned by Monday, 9th May. Please note on Wednesday, 11th May, all year 12 students will be allowed to go home at lunchtime for independent study so they can maximise their revision. Enrichment will resume on Wednesday, 15th June.

From Monday, 13th June, when normal lessons resume, and as an earned privilege, students will be allowed go home for independent study at 13.15 hrs, Monday to Friday, if they don't have a lesson period 5. Students must sign out if they leave school at lunch time for independent study.

As you know, students will have the opportunity to develop their understanding of the world of work further at the commencement of Term 6 and I truly believe they will benefit from the careers talks delivered by a wide variety of professionals. Students have chosen to attend two or more talks. Attendance to talks is compulsory and, unless otherwise instructed by me, students are allowed to go home to carry out independent study on Wednesday lunch times if they don't have a talk booked.

Some of our students have already successfully achieved our newly introduced Gold Employability Award; my congratulations to them. The School's Employability Award will give the students access to a GE endorsed Gold Employability Award, if they successfully pass their interviews on Thursday, 7th July – further information will be given in our next Year 12 assembly. This endorsed award will be an invaluable asset for their forthcoming UCAS application and any future employment recruitment processes. I trust you will agree, we have provided students with a breadth of experiences this year, enabling them to develop academically and as a well-rounded person.

On Monday, 4th July, students will benefit from a Business Breakfast with a breath of professionals; this opportunity will enable students to discuss their career choices with specialists. On Tuesday, 5th July, students will have access to a wellbeing MOT provided by an external agency; this aims to provide our students with more information on how to manage stress and maximise performance. UCAS preparation will take place on the 6th and 7th July when students will be off timetable in order to kick start their application. Students aiming to achieve an apprenticeship or similar, would also need to complete their UCAS application because their references and personal statements will be very useful for their future search too.

To finalise, as AS exams are imminent, it is crucial students devote as much time as possible to prepare for these exams. Acceptance into Year 13 is not automatic so students must not take it for granted. I aim to retain each Year 12 student into our VI Form, so have liaised with teachers to ensure every student at risk of not achieving suitable grades has a plan in place. I am pleased to say the majority of our students have not required specific action because they are working extremely well. I do encourage you to discuss your child's revision plan and monitor their progress over their independent study time.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paulina Kirkpatrick', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Paulina Kirkpatrick
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