

16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer


I thought it might be useful to contact you outlining a number of key dates and events in the coming weeks. It is definitely a busy time for Year 12, who suddenly find themselves the oldest in the school following the departure of Year 13 last week.

- 1) The UCAS process is being officially launched tomorrow with Ms Moulds in our weekly assembly. Students will be advised on how the process works, what they need to do from now if they wish to apply for university, timeframes and deadlines. There are specific additional sessions for students apply to Oxbridge, or who want to pursue an early entry course such as Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science.
- 2) In support of the UCAS process, we are running two trips, which students have now stated their preference for. One is to the Nottingham University Open Day (on 28<sup>th</sup> June) and the other is for a UCAS University Conference day in Birmingham (on 25<sup>th</sup> June) Any queries or questions regarding choices and details of those days, should be posed to Ms Moulds, who is happy to advise further.
- 3) Students will now be getting prepared for end of year exams, which take place w/c 1<sup>st</sup> July. They will be provided with a formal timetable of when these exams will take place, as well as all standard preparation materials – exam specifications, past papers, model answers, mark schemes, exam reports etc. With the exam season now underway for Year 13 and Year 11, the whole Sixth Form area is focused on independent, quiet and focused assessment preparation. We thank Year 12 for how they are conducting themselves around the examination rooms at this time.
- 4) The deadline for Work Experience paperwork to be completed on Unifrog is 8<sup>th</sup> June. If your child requires any further support with securing a placement, then they must see the Careers Team asap. This is an invaluable opportunity, a way of networking for the future and essential experience to include in UCAS, apprenticeship and job applications. Work experience will take place on w/c 8<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- 5) We are also factoring in the application process and interviews for the Year 13 Leadership Team, for next year. This process will be completed and the results announced before the students leave for summer. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to make a difference next year. Dates and deadlines are to be confirmed, but the launch will take place in assembly in the coming weeks.
- 6) With that in mind and the fact that Year 12 are now the oldest in Ousedale, and role models for the rest of the school, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of the dress code and requirements that students agreed to adhere to on entering the Sixth Form:

- Lanyards are to be worn around necks everyday and throughout the day; this is essential for safeguarding and the proper use of our signing in/out system. Staff adhere to this same policy.
- Students have a very relaxed dress code. However, with the warmer weather upon us, we must remind you that shoulder-less tops, very thin spaghetti straps, backless tops, short tops that expose mid-riffs, excessively low cut tops, very short skirts, long skirts/dresses with excessively high slits to the thigh and sport shorts are not allowed. If a student decides to come to school wearing such clothing, they will be sent home to get changed. This is a non-negotiable and we welcome your support in reducing the number of incidences that occur regarding breach of dress code.

Thank you very much for all of your continued support and communication with the Sixth Form Team. If there is anything at all that we can do to help, or need to be made aware of, then please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Nagle', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Haley Nagle  
Pastoral and Academic Lead Year 12