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## Sixth Form Newsletter - Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are about to commence the half term break, I would like to take this opportunity to share some key information with you and a reflection on the first term of the year:

### **Year 13 – Mock Exams / PPEs**

Commencing after half term on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, Mock Exams / PPEs will take place for Year 13 students. The initial timetable has been shared with students on Teams. Once the exact seating arrangements have been confirmed, students will then also be able to view their personalised timetable on Edulink. It is vital that students prepare fully for these exams. It will be an opportunity for teachers to gain a holistic view of student progress and gaps in knowledge so that teaching and learning can be informed to make the best use of remaining teaching time. The results of the exams are also an important consideration for teachers when considering what predicted grades to allocate to students as part of their UCAS application.

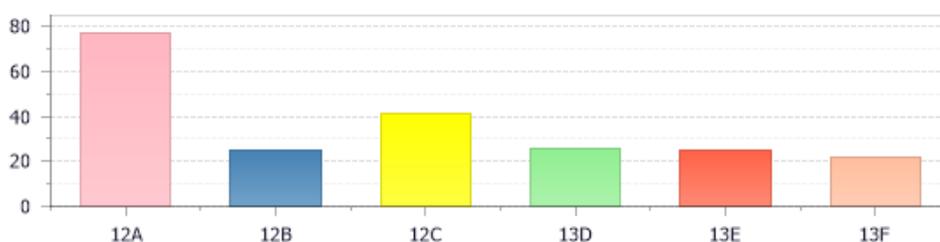
### **Year 13 - UCAS Applications:**

Students should by now have completed their Personal Statement and forwarded these to their tutors / Sixth Form leaders for checking. The Personal Statement is a key part of the application process and an opportunity for students really to sell themselves. Even if students are not firmly set on further education or have already decided on an alternative pathway, they should still have completed their Personal Statement as this can form the basis of letters of application for employment or apprenticeships. Further information can be found here: [Corby Business Academy - UCAS](#)

### **Year 12 and 13 – Inter-form Competition**

This term has seen the launch of a new Sixth Form inter-form attainment challenge. Following the whole-school attainment policy students will receive points from their teachers and form tutors for a variety of actions including demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning, attendance to extra sessions and representing the Academy. This competition will run alongside the ever popular (and competitive!) Sixth Form quiz, and attendance data, with the winning form being announced in the last week of Term 2. In the final assembly before Christmas students will be awarded the usual individual subject SMART awards.

Current standings:



### **Year 12 and 13 – Supervised Study Sessions**

All Sixth Form students are now timetabled to attend a study session with Mr Smith or Mr Franklin once a week, to work independently for an hour. These sessions provide a weekly opportunity for members of the Sixth Form team to work with students on any subject-specific challenges, as well as their personal statements and UCAS/apprenticeship applications throughout the year. Attendance to these sessions is compulsory and has been excellent so far.

### **Year 12 and 13 – External Speakers**

During Term 2 we will be organising several guest speakers from universities and various careers providers to attend the Academy to speak to both Year 12 and Year 13 students. These will include workshops on exploring degree apprenticeships, life at university, and study skills. Additionally, students will continue to receive information from our internal Careers Leader, Miss Gibson, who regularly speaks to students in Sixth Form assemblies, most recently talking to Year 12 about volunteering and to Year 13 about alternative routes into Higher Education.

### **Year 12 – Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**

Once again this year we have seen an excellent take-up for the Extended Project Qualification with Year 12 students. The EPQ is an additional qualification students can choose to study alongside their three a-level subjects. The project requires students to undertake independent research and meet with a mentor to offer academic support and guidance with their project. The EPQ is an excellent addition to a student's application to university or an apprenticeship and shows a commitment to independent study.

### **Year 12 and 13 – Personal Development**

During our daily tutor time students complete a range of activities from: discussing current affairs, taking part in debates and exploring various topics in their personal development sessions. This term our Year 12 students have been working on the theme of health and wellbeing and will explore relationships and sex education next term. Year 13 have been working on personal statements and to support their applications to UCAS and apprenticeships in term 2. Next term will also see Year 13 completing the topic of relationships and sex education.

### **Year 13 – Prom**

I am delighted to tell you that the Year 13 prom will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Year 13 have already been fundraising this term to raise money to fund their prom which will include a formal sit-down meal and disco. We hope this evening will provide a wonderful occasion to bid farewell to our Year 13 students and wish them well as they move on to their next chapter.

### **Year 12 and Year 13 – Expectations and SMART ethos**

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students about Sixth Form expectations at CBA and that all students are working in line with our core values of being: Studious, Motivated, Ambitious, Resilient and Technological in their studies and overall approach to Sixth Form. In particular, can I draw your attention to our dress code and attendance expectations. CBA has very clear expectations in this area. In terms of uniform, students' attire should reflect business dress and any student who does not meet this expectation runs the risk of being sent home to make suitable amendments. Full details of the dress code can be found on the CBA website: [Corby Business Academy - Dress Code](#). If there are any financial concerns with meeting this expectation, then we are happy to discuss how the Academy might be able to assist.

### **Year 12 and Year 13 – Attendance**

With regards to attendance, students are expected to attend the full day at school, completing both AM and PM registration marks. Any free periods during the day should be used constructively to extend students' learning. We are happy to accept individual requests for students to leave site for medical appointments and driving lessons.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term and look forward to welcoming all our students back for term 2.

Yours sincerely,



Matt Smith

**Head of Sixth Form**

CBA6: Dress Smart, Work Smart



Studious



Motivated



Ambitious



Resilient



Technological

