## Welcome to Year 13 Information Evening

### **Thursday 8th September**



#### Our most recent Ofsted report, published in March 2017, judged TBSHS to be 'Outstanding' in every category including our Sixth Form.

"Pupils gain high-quality personal and social skills that make an outstanding contribution to their academic progress and life beyond school."

"The high-quality teaching in the school is typified by the exceptionally strong working relationships established between staff and pupils."

"Careers information, advice and guidance is of exceptionally high quality across the key stages, including in the sixth form."





#### Record breaking A Level and BTEC results this year.

✓ 40% of all grades were an A\* or A

#### ✓ 74% of all grades were A\* to B

This year's students produced the **best A-Level and BTEC results in the history of TBSHS**. Despite the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic, students are celebrating huge numbers of A\* and A grades and have a very bright future ahead of them. TBSHS has bucked the national trend by producing a set of examination results that is even higher than those awarded in the previous two years and outstrips our previous record of 2015.

#### Programme

Welcome and How does our Sixth Form produce successful students?

Mr Stark

• Standards & Well-being

Mr George Munro

Post-18 Advice and Guidance

Mrs Fiona Price

• Academic Monitoring and Support Mr Simon Mariner-Goff





### Tonight's key question: How does our Sixth Form produce successful students?









### <u>Academic Progress</u>

Hard work

Academic Rigour Supervised Study (Yr 12)

#### Testing Weeks

Treat school like the office



## Personal Development Post-18 Support High Standards (behaviour and dress code) Oracy Leadership Many employers select on 'character first'





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### Extracurricular & Community







#### **The Library**

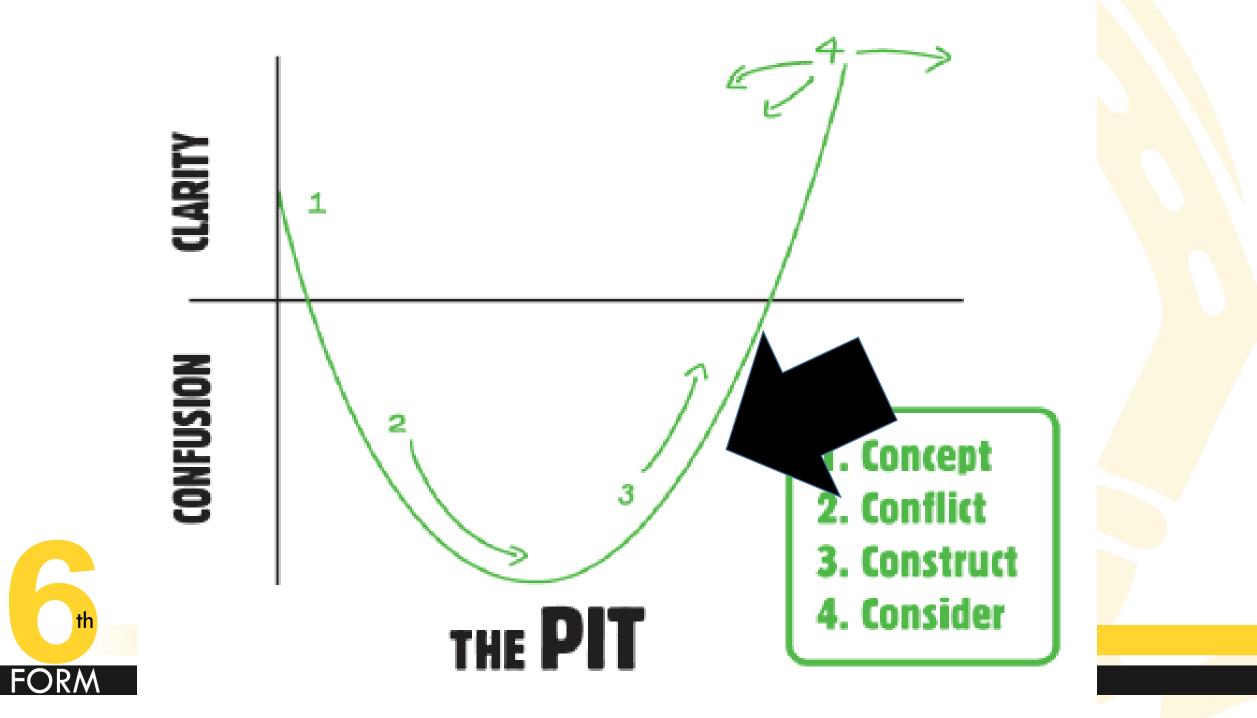


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### Time Management

- Friday 12th May potentially the last 'official' Year 13 Day
- Less than 30 school weeks left
- Time needs to be used wisely!
- Where do you spend your study periods?
- How do you spend your study periods?

Are you doing your 3 hours per night, plus extra at the weekends



# Pastoral Support, Well-being & Behaviour

#### **Mr George Munro**



## **Attendance, Punctuality & Dress Code**

90% = ½ day missed each week
1 school year at 90% = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed (20 days)!!!
90% over 2 years of Sixth Form
= ½ Term missed

**Punctuality.** It's always the first thing we are asked for in a reference.

**Dress code.** Updated. Check website. Please support the school. **Get into good habits for LIFE** 



## **Pastoral Support**

#### How do we support you?

- Form tutors one-to-one mentoring and support
- Sixth Form Management Team
- <u>Bursary (financial support)</u>
- <u>School counsellor</u> and other signposting

#### **MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER!**



## **Wednesday Procedures**

- Comprehensive Enrichment programme
- Come to school in TBSHS sportswear for sports option
- Appropriate kit for sports option (fantastic yesterday!)
- "off-site" option available (e.g. golf, gym, horse-riding, indoor rockclimbing)
- "off-site" option requires parental consent



## **Year 13 Privileges**

If you have a study period you may be off-site;

Monday Period 1 Thursday Period 5 Friday Periods 3 & 4

NB These are privileges not a right and can be revoked OR INCREASED!!



### **Procedures**

- 1. Planned absence driving tests or University visits, should be made in writing to sixthform@tbshs.org with evidence.
- 2. Planned absence doctors or dentists, the 'Bromcom MIS' App/Website should be used and a screenshot of the appointment confirmation included.

NB If the student is to make their own way to an appointment, it should be noted by the parent/carer in their request that permission is given for the student to do so.

**3. Signing in & out** - Signing out is done using the Vericool sign in/out screen in the main reception area. Any student needing to leave during the School day for an appointment etc., must have already requested this absence via the 'Bromcom MIS' App/Website (see above). Students without an authorised request already marked on their register will not be allowed off site until contact has been made with a parent/carer.

4. Late Arrival/Missed Registration: Any student missing a form-group registration, either morning or afternoon for any reason, should sign in late using the Vericool sign in/out screen in the main reception area. If they do not do so, then an unauthorised absence may remain on their record and parents may be unnecessarily notified of absence. If parents/guardians are aware of a reason why their child will arrive late on any occasion, they should **notify the school** using the 'Bromcom MIS' App/Website.

5. Illness or other unplanned absence - Use the 'Bromcom MIS' App/Website to report by 8.30am on each day of absence.

6. If the App is not accessible, parents must ring the attendance line (01279 869555)

7. Illness at school - If any student falls ill during the school day, they must go to the medical room to be seen by a first aider who will then decide, in conjunction with a member of SFMT, whether to contact a parent/carer to arrange collection. The student is not to contact home first.

### **Student Drivers**

- Learn 2 Live presentations
- Authorising theory and practical tests (email and screenshot)
- Signed driving policy
- Parking permits
- Safety
- Complaints procedure

# TBSHS Parent Portal September 2022









### This year, we have replaced MYEd and Show My Homework with Bromcom.

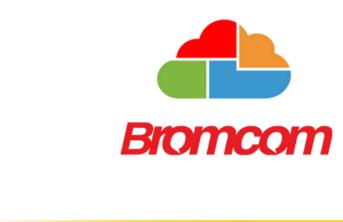
#### Bromcom is our new MIS.







### Bromcom's Parent Portal and Student Portal will serve as a one stop shop for key information about your child.





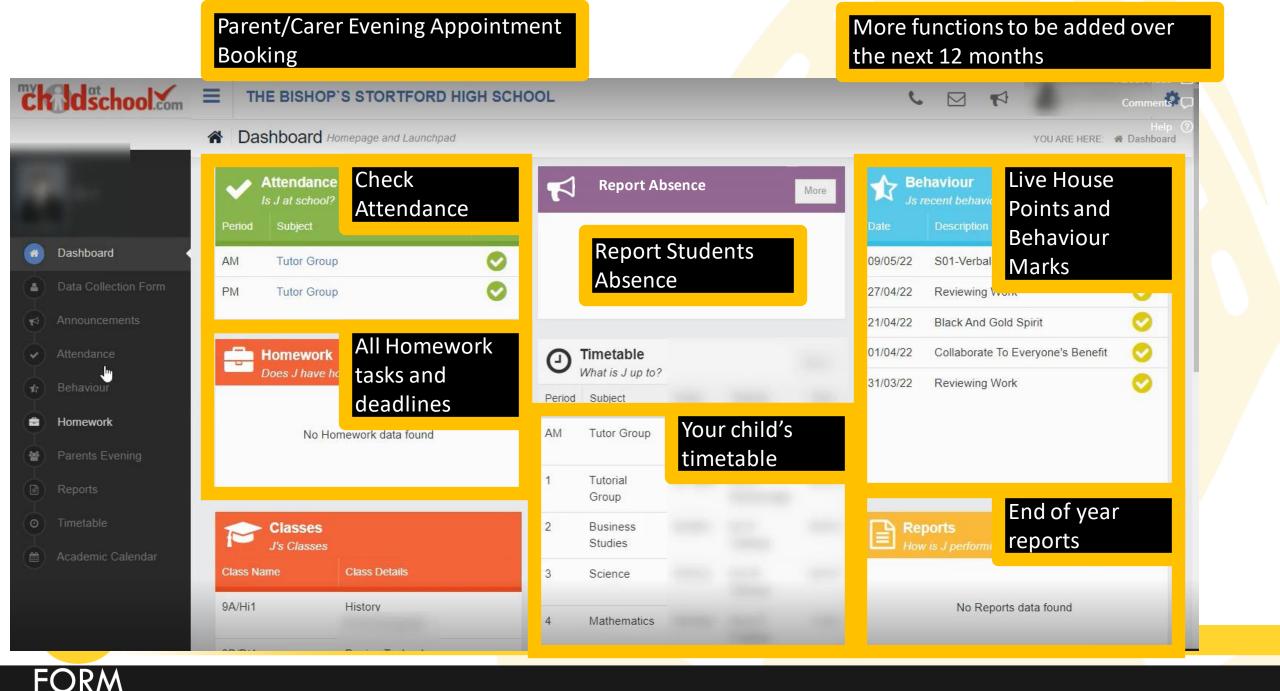
## How do I set up the TBSHS Parent Portal?

### You will receive an email with login details and short video guide in the next 10 days.



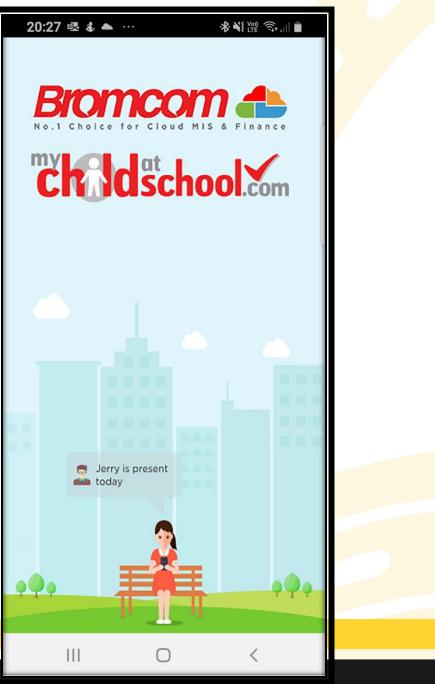






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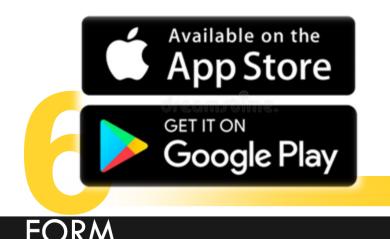
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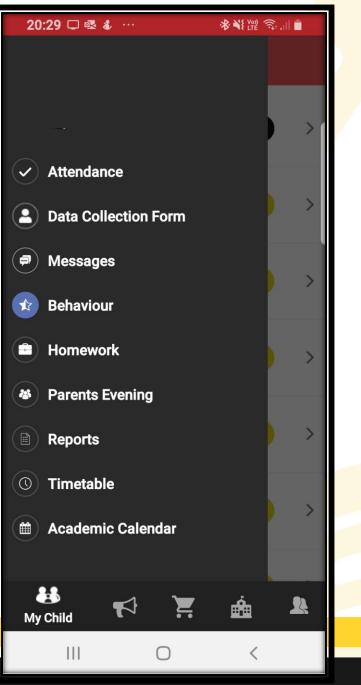


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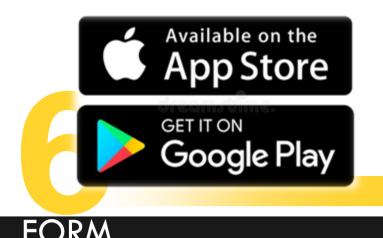


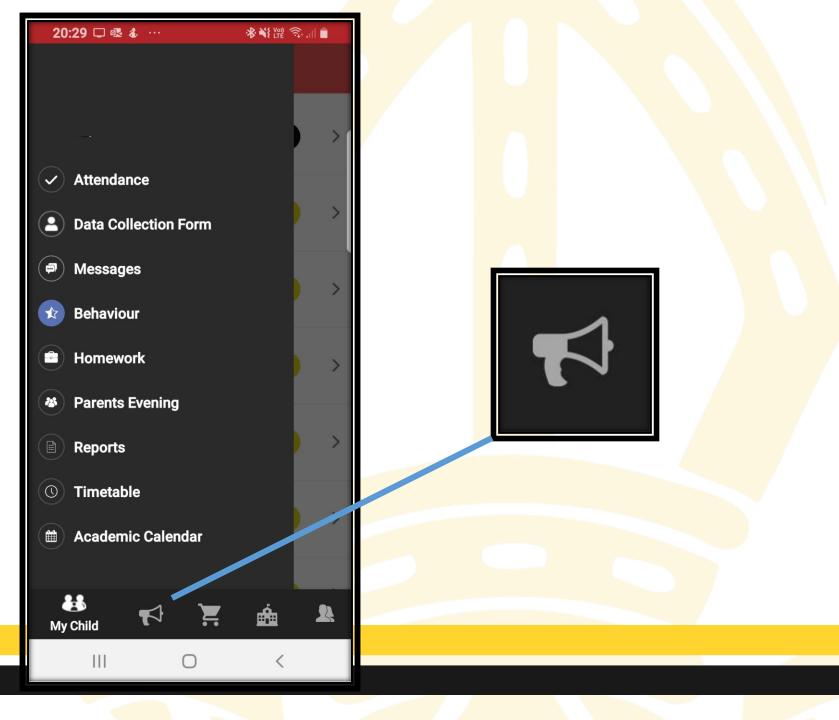




Reporting Student Absence

Tap the 'loud hailer' and follow the link to our absence page.

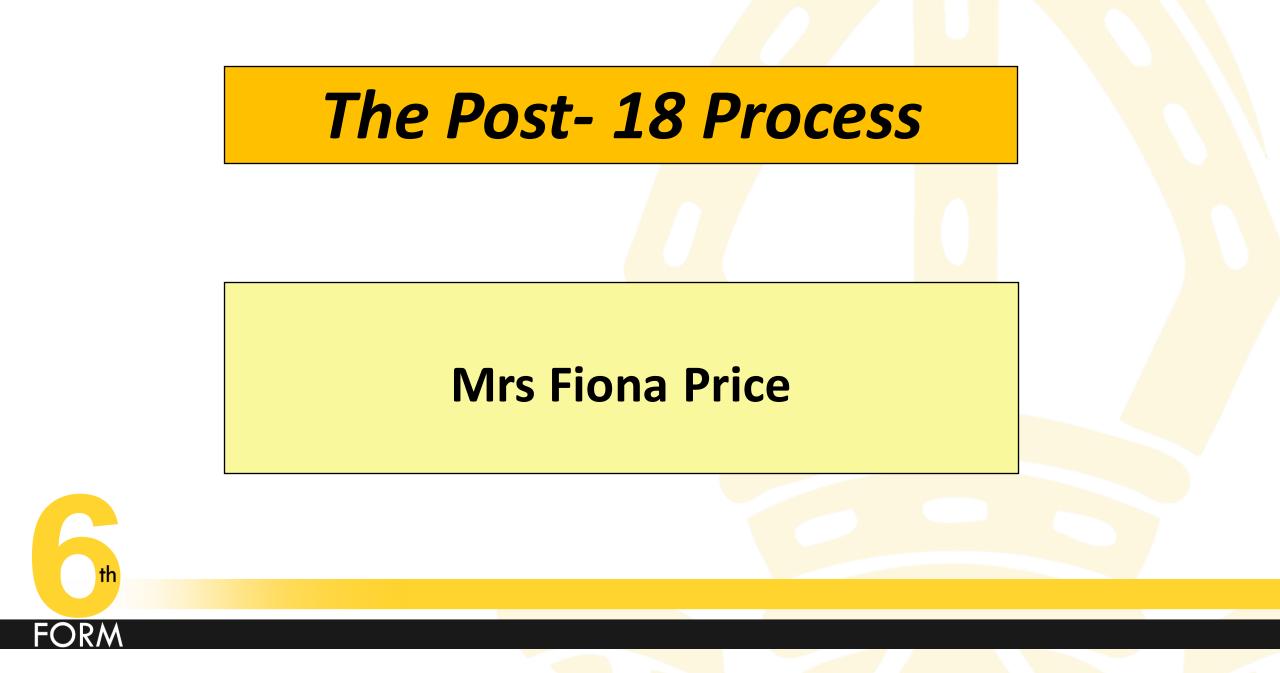




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# **University Timeline**

Now: Personal Statement final revisions
12-30 Sept - PS/Choices completed
16 Sept - Early entry applicants' references completed by tutors
16 Sept - Period 3 'Completing UCAS Applications' session
30 Sept - Students 'Lock Out' from UCAS through PAY/SUBMIT (NB: 16 Sept - Early entrants - Oxbridge/Medics/Vets/Dentists)
30 Sept - 17 Oct - Minor amendments made to applications (in conjunction with Tutor/SFMT)
13 Oct - Oxbridge, Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary applications sent

14 Oct – All references completed by tutors

**20 Oct – UCAS Processing Day** 

21 Oct - All remaining applications sent



### **Personal Statement and References**

Personal Statements should now be in final stages

**Tutors write all UCAS references** – a balanced reference citing the information provided by subject teachers (see your Year 12 report)

Student to provide information re additional activities; mitigating circumstances (Use Unifrog NOTES for REFERENCE WRITERS and Post-18 INTENTIONS)

References are quality assured by SFMT



References are only finalised once students have "locked themselves out" through PAY/SUBMIT

## **Post-18 Predicted Grades**

These grades are "**best possible**" i.e. the best grades that students are likely to achieve in the summer based on teacher's complete knowledge of student

Therefore these are the same as **Projected Grades** issued in the Year 12 Term 3B Interim Progress Report issued on 7 July

**Projected grades** incorporate a teacher's in class knowledge of a student in addition to any formal assessment such as the Post-18 Gateway result

## **Post-18 Predicted Grades**

There may be a few cases where grades may be changed if the student can make a strong academic justification to Subject Leaders based on the assessments taken during Testing Week

#### **Process:**

- Consultation with subject teachers starts 19 Sept and closes 30 Sept
- Any changes to be notified by Subject Leaders to SFMT by **30 Sept** latest
- Must be based on academic evidence from Testing Week



Default grades used will be TEACHER PROJECTED GRADES

## **Work with your teachers**

- Consultation with subject teachers starts 19 Sept and closes 30 Sept
- Please be patient. Not all of the assessments from testing week will have been marked by the 19 Sept
- Teachers want you to enable you to maximize your potential in terms of your Post-18 outcomes but it needs to be based on what you have demonstrated so far
- NB: "Best Possible" at an early stage of course of study so .....
- These Post-18 predicted grades do not form any part of the assessment base used to inform further teacher projections throughout Year 13

### **University Choices**

#### You can make up to 5 choices **NB: additional applications can made to:** Conservatoires (separate system within UCAS) – deadline 3 Oct Some drama schools Independent unis, e.g. Bucks University **Degree Apprenticeships - application is via company** Can be for different courses But you only have one Personal statement Be sensible and realistic in light of summer Teacher Projected grades Re-run Unifrog & review all your research Ensure spread of aspirational, solid and safe Consider all factors including future career paths



# **Types of University Offers**

#### **Conditional Offer (most common)**

A place is dependent on meeting certain grades/UCAS points **Unconditional Offer** 

A place is not dependent on exam performance

### **Interviews/Auditions**

You may be invited to one prior to an offer being made You may need to take a portfolio/pieces of written work Admissions Tests

Law, Medicine, Dentistry and some Oxbridge Courses



## **University Offers**

**Different universities work at different speeds!** 

**Students should receive offers by 18 May 2023** 

They then have until 8 June to respond to these.

Students accept one offer as their FIRM choice and one as their INSURANCE

Any other offers have to be declined



No offers – don't worry, you still have options open to you

### **Student Finance**

**Tuition Loans** - Up to £9,250 pa tuition fees

Fees paid straight to university

<u>Maintenance Loans</u> - £4,524 minimum rising to £9,706 Paid to student for living expenses, books etc

Loan Repayment - 9% of amount earned above £25,000 e.g. if earning £30,000, monthly repayment is £37.50 The monthly repayment is not linked to the size of the debt Written off after 40 years



Scholarships, bursaries and grants available <a href="http://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/">http://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/</a>

Full information - <u>Student Finance - The Student Room - Finance Zone</u>

### **Apprenticeship & Employment Applications**

- No fixed timeline need to be constantly on the lookout
- Post-A-level recruitment schemes and apprenticeships run by major UK and international companies start this term
- Students should already be doing the following:
  - Recording Activities and Competencies in Unifrog
  - Updating CV regularly;
  - Use Unifrog Apprenticeships Tool; register for alerts with <u>www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</u>
  - Actively researching industry sectors/individual companies (register interest directly with them)
  - Work Experience advisable; look for relevant events Uptree, PwC
  - Checking Mrs Jonas' Careers Notices & Post-18 Bulletins
  - Researching application and selection processes <u>TBSHS\_Post-18\_Workbook.pdf</u>

### **Post-18 Decision Making**

- First port of call is the Form Tutor
- Request "Next Steps" interview with Mrs Jonas, Careers Advisor
- SFMT also available for one-to-one guidance meetings on request
- Students MUST check their emails, careers notices and Post-18 Bulletins for updates on a very regular basis
- Consider running both university and apprenticeship applications alongside

If you don't apply for things then opportunities will not come your way!

What you do next does not define the rest of your life!



# Academic Monitoring and Support

### **Mr Simon Mariner-Goff**



### **Reflection on progress so far**

- What is your **current situation?**
- How did you get into this situation?
- What are your **aspirations**?
- → How will you fulfil your aspirations?



### **Recalling information from Y12**

- No lesson time given to revising previous material
- Students' responsibility
- 15 hours additional study outside of lessons
- Six Stage Revision Process



#### **The Six Stage Revision Process**

'The Bread & Butter of your study periods'

Organised folder

Understand all material

# 1) Complete notes

Use specification as check list Condensing existing notes

Mind maps

# 2) Learn and recall notes

Open book past papers

Posters

# 3) Test and quiz yourself on your own notes

# 4) Complete past papers or exam questions

**Closed Books** 



# 5) Mark past papers or review mark schemes



6) Review weaknesses by going back to step 2 (learn and recap notes)

#### **The Six Stage Revision Process**

'The Bread & Butter of your study periods'

- Sounds bland doesn't it?
- If revision is exciting then you probably aren't doing it right!
- Remember you should be motivated to revise as these are the subjects that you have picked to study for the next two years!

### Year 12 is the bedrock for success at A-level



### <u>What is Academic Rigour?</u>

- Wider reading beyond the syllabus without being asked "working without instruction"
- Being proactive outside of lessons rather than simply reactive to tasks set by teacher
- Questioning and academically curious outlook
- In-depth knowledge and understanding rather than superficial knowledge
- Awareness of the amount and quality of work needed
- Acceptance of and preparation for regular testing student ownership



### Independent Study Guide (new for 2022)



- <u>www.tinyurl.com/tbshsisg</u>
- QR codes in all study areas
- Accessible on PC or phone
- Most effective study tasks according to Subject Leaders
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  - Practice
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- Suggestions for further study O Vision

### Independent Study Guide (new for 2022)

# Sixth Form Independent Study Guide

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#### **Supporting Progress in Year 13**

- Close monitoring of teacher feedback
- Sharing information with parents and responding to concerns
- **Tutor 1-1s:** setting targets and discussing issues
- Mock Examinations (9<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> January)
- Academic Support Programme

#### **The Academic Support Programme**

	Tier 1	-Additional meeting with tutor once per half term
		-Rigorous discussion of independent study habits and folder checks
		-Students attend library study Friday Period 3

	Tier 2	-Additional meeting with SFMT at least once per half term
		-1hr weekly supervised study (Yr 13 Friday P3)
		-Students strongly encouraged to study on site for ALL study periods.

	Tier 3	<ul> <li>-Additional meeting with tutor once per half term</li> <li>-Meeting with STM each week with supervised study Monday after</li> </ul>
		school 3:30-5:30pm
		-Students strongly encouraged to study on site for ALL study periods.





### The cost of Paid Work

WORK	LIFE

- Over 9 hours per week = 1 grade dropped per subject.
- Long evening working hours adversely affects school work.
- Inflexible working hours cause havoc at exam time.
- Ultimately leads to stress.

### **Contact Details**

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See follow-up email for a summary of absence procedures

### A-level Results Day 2023

- TBC August 2023 A level Results Day
- Normally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in August.
- Please be present!



