



## SIXTH FORM BULLETIN Year 12, May 2021

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Dear Year 12 students, parents and carers,

At the end of a busy half-term we can reflect on a Covid free six weeks where all our year groups across the school have been able to learn and attend without disruption. The school community feels tired but exhilarated and in the Sixth Form we are excited to conclude the academic year with a focus on outcomes and destinations for our students in Year 12. There may be some minor adjustments to student timetables as our restrictions around the campus ease and specialists return to their own classroom areas – please check Satchel One from June 6<sup>th</sup> for further details around this. Clearly, our other safety measures will remain and include one-way systems, zones at break and lunch and hand sanitisation. The updated *Risk Assessment* document can be viewed on our website. In line with what is happening nationally this is the next small, yet very significant, step back to what we once thought of as 'normal'.

Term 3b marks the beginning of more opportunities to support and challenge our learners so they are equipped to succeed. I have this week shared with all students their timetables for our upcoming internal 'summer exams'. They will take place in the Social Area between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> June, inclusive. Students will only be required to attend school for assessments during this time, signing in and out with their swipe cards. Assessments here, at the halfway stage will give us a robust indicator of students' academic progress and help to shape conversations around post-18 destinations, universities and apprenticeships going forwards. We will report the outcomes formally along with highly detailed and personalised feedback, but I feel very confident that this cohort of students will be thoroughly prepared and motivated to achieve well during this window.

Students will also be off timetabled lessons and working from B Block between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June. We have an exciting programme planned out including team building and problem solving with the Armed Forces, motivational guest speakers and employer engagements from over 20 different industries and universities ranging from nursing to finance analytics, and sports science to Oxbridge. The 3-day event will culminate in students' beginning work on their post-18 applications and personal statements with the support of the Sixth Form team. We're looking forward to continuing to work with Year 12 students to know, nurture and inspire them to be best version of themselves, to aim high and to achieve.

### **COVID-19 testing over May half-term – government information.**

As lockdown eases, taking a rapid COVID-19 test twice a week, even if you do not have symptoms, will help us stay ahead of the spread of the virus, particularly as new strains appear. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and are spreading the virus without knowing. This includes those who have had their vaccine. We want to thank you for your continued support in testing. Over 40 million tests with staff and students have now been conducted as part of the education testing programme. Please continue to test twice-weekly over half-term and test before returning to school or college after the holiday.

Please report any positive test results to [testresult@bishopschester.co.uk](mailto:testresult@bishopschester.co.uk) - also log positive results nationally to report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

As ever, if you have any questions or want to get in touch don't hesitate to drop us an email using the links below.

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With best wishes for the Bank Holiday weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. Moffatt'.

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