



Sixth Form E-Bulletin

❖❖❖ Welcome to the new Monkseaton!

Welcome to the new school! Following your induction, we hope that you are feeling a bit more familiar with the new building and enjoying finding your way around and exploring! You will all have received new timetables—whilst your lessons and times remain the same, you will need to check the new room numbers. We hope that you like the new school as much as we do and make the most of our fantastic new facilities!

Year 12

Welcome to Sixth Form and to the Sixth Form E-Bulletin! The bulletin is sent to all Sixth Form students and staff bi-monthly and contains details about forthcoming events and important information. Please ensure that you read the bulletin—you will miss out on valuable opportunities and important notices otherwise.

Induction: Sixth Form

Hopefully you should all be settling down into the Sixth Form way of life! Your Tutors have spent time with you going over what you can expect from your time in Sixth Form and what we in turn expect from you. You have gone through the Student Handbook, which will be available on the Sixth Form subject site soon. The Student Handbook contains lots of useful information, but if you have a question that it does not answer then please come to see us.

Sixth Form is a big step up from Year 11 and lots of students find the transition difficult at first. The most important thing is to let us know—we have years of experience between us (some more than others!) and be assured that we can and will help you if you have a problem.

Induction: Target Setting & Study Skills

Tutorial this term focuses on induction, looking at setting targets and developing your study skills.

You will have received a Target Setting Card, which you should have completed. Setting targets and goals is one of the keys to success in Sixth Form—identify what you want to achieve and start working towards it now.

During the study skills session you will analyse your own study techniques and look at ways in which to improve these. Study at sixth form level is a big transition from GCSE, so it is important that you equip yourselves with the right tools.



Consultation Day, Wednesday 21 October

Year 12 students will all make an appointment for their parents to meet with their form tutor. Tutors will be available from 11am-7pm.

Year 13 will spend the day completing their UCAS application, and will work with their tutors from 9am-3pm.

Year 13

Welcome back! This is an extremely important year for each of you; whether you are applying to university, alternative courses or work, you are going to be faced with some tough decisions. You are also going to be facing a lot of hard work as you will have discussed with each of your teachers by now what you need to do this year to achieve the best possible grades.

This term the focus will be UCAS, but for those of you who are not intending to apply to university this year this is still a worthwhile process for you to go through. The UCAS application requires skills that are necessary for all further education and job applications, so this is a very useful opportunity for you to practice these skills.

Remember, we are here to help you! If you want help and advice with study skills or even if you just need 5 minutes to have a chat we are here for you. Please don't underestimate this year; this will be a challenge for you and we are here to support you through it and to help you achieve what you are capable of.

Newcastle University's PARTNERS Scheme

During Tutorial three weeks ago, a representative from Newcastle University's PARTNERS scheme spoke to you during assembly about what the PARTNERS scheme entails.

If you are thinking of applying to Newcastle University and would like to find out more about PARTNERS and find out if you are eligible for the scheme, please see Mr Robinson or Lindsey.

Higher Education Reference Form

You should all have received a copy of the reference form, and be asking all of your teachers to complete it for you. This is very important as it forms the basis of any reference that we write for you—whether that's for UCAS, further study or work. Which brings us onto...

The Personal Statement

You need to start thinking about what you are going to include in the personal statement section of your UCAS application. This is your opportunity to sell yourself, and it is the part of the application process that most students find difficult. There is a section in the Student Guide to UCAS that should help you get started—please have a look at it in the coming week as the focus for the next few weeks will be this section of the application.