



Hello and welcome to the Spring KS5 newsletter. The last half term has been a strange half term. We started the half term with online learning for the first two weeks and then saw the return of all our students on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. It was so nice to see our students back in the building – we had missed them!

Students behaved in a mature and sensible manner when completing their lateral flow tests in school and have continued to impress staff, acting as role models wearing their masks when moving around the building and also during lessons. Students who signed consent forms should have all collected their lateral flow tests from the main office. Information and guidance on how to complete the tests have been sent to all students involved. If any students have any problems please do get in touch.

This newsletter will give you an overview of the term so far as well as key dates for your diary. If your child is absent they should contact their teachers for work, however, should you child need to isolate for a length of time we will email work. If you have any issues or queries you can contact me on [alsion.thompson@monkseaton.org.uk](mailto:alsion.thompson@monkseaton.org.uk) or Claire Shorting on [claire.shorting@monkseaton.org.uk](mailto:claire.shorting@monkseaton.org.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Alison Thompson (Pastoral Raising Achievement Leader for Sixth Form)**

**Mrs Claire Shorting (Assistant Pastoral Raising Achievement Leader for Sixth Form)**

For the first two weeks back to school students were required to only come into school for their lessons due to our Sixth Form area being used for testing. However, our tutorial programme has resumed and is designed to help support students with information, advice and guidance. Below is a quick reminder of our programme.

### Tutorial Programme

Year 12

Year 13

Monday	News and current affairs		Monday	News and current affairs
Tuesday	Quiz		Tuesday	Quiz
Wednesday	UniFrog		Wednesday	Preparation for leaving school
Thursday	Assembly via Teams		Thursday	Assembly via Teams
Friday	Reflection & Attendance		Friday	Reflection & Attendance

### Tutor nominations

Tutors were asked for this half term's tutor nominations again. I know many tutors struggle with which student to select for the prize. However, the following students received the tutor nomination and a £10 gift voucher for Amazon.

12 LHS - Bobby Campbell                      13 BJ – Amelia Armstrong

12JJD - Elize Hornby                              13 CT – Sarah Rowley

12AMW - Madeline Raymond                      13 SG – Millie Richardson

Mrs Thompson and Mrs Shorting have also made their nominations for this term.

Students will receive a £15 Amazon voucher.

Year 12 - Evan Brice      Year 13 – Charlotte Barnsley

**Lanyards** – All Sixth Form students have been issued with lanyards. It is important students wear their lanyards and that they are visible. If any students have lost their lanyard, they need to let the Sixth Form team know so we can arrange replacements. However, there is a small cost to pay of £2 for the replacement to be issued.

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**Year 12 opportunities** – A number of different opportunities have been highlighted to year 12 recently. The NU Entry scheme is open to all students in year 12. This is a fantastic scheme for students thinking about applying to Northumbria University. The scheme is run by Northumbria University and gives students the chance to gain 16 UCAS points. Students do have to meet certain eligibility criteria set by Northumbria University. It is worth applying as many of our students have taken part in the scheme in the past and have successfully completed the scheme. The deadline for this scheme is **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April**. <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/information-for-schools-and-colleges/northumbria-university-supported-entry-scheme>

Information has also been sent about virtual work experience opportunities in law and medicine. These opportunities help students stand out from the crowd and are excellent preparation for leaving school.

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**UCAS** – Students are in the process of receiving offers for a range of different courses and universities across the country. Students with a UCAS application were invited to an online Teams session during lockdown where Mrs Thompson discussed the next part of the process and how to select firm and insurance offers. The UCAS deadline to accept offers, vary accord to when students receive their final offer. Students are advised to continue to check UCAS Track and complete their firm and insurance offers well before their final deadline. Most universities will invite students to take part in applicant days which will no doubt take place online this year.

**Student Finance** – Students will need to make separate student finance applications for university. Their application is based on individual household income and due to the private nature of the information required, is something students must complete with their parents or guardians outside of school. The deadline for students to complete their finance application is **21<sup>st</sup> May**. However, it is strongly advised that families complete the application process as soon as possible. If students miss the deadline their student finances may not be in place for the start of the academic term.

There are some useful links related to student finance that should be helpful to those completing an application this year.

The first link is information about eligibility for student finance. The second link is to the government website for students to complete their student finance application. The final link is a link to the UCAS website that is full of useful information about the process.

[Student finance eligibility: 2021 to 2022 academic year - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/student-finance-eligibility-2021-to-2022-academic-year)

[Login to Student Finance England \(slc.co.uk\)](https://www.slfc.co.uk/)

[Student Finance - Student Loans And Tuition Fees \(ucas.com\)](https://www.ucas.com/apply/finance)

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**Connexions** – For our students who are not making university applications and unsure of what to do once they leave school, we are lucky to have Angela from Connexion who is attached to our school. She has a vast knowledge of apprenticeships and opportunities for young people within the local area. Please get in touch to make an appointment for information and advice about your next steps.

### Key dates

Post 16 Progress Evening Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – This will be a virtual event letters have been sent out to parents.

Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – School will be closed

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