



Hello and welcome to this term's newsletter. This term has been a very busy term, especially for the Year 13 students. These students have completed three rounds of teacher assessments. This has been difficult but students have worked exceptionally hard and we are very proud of how they have approached the situation. Year 12 students have also been busy completing BTEC assessments and covering content in A' Level subjects in preparation for their assessment week in the first week after half term.

A number of students have had to isolate this half term however, they have remained in contact with staff and continued to work well online.

If your child is absent they should contact their teachers for work, however, should your 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 or Claire Shorting on 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)

Just a quick reminder about our tutorial programme that runs every morning. The programme is designed to help Year 12 students prepare for their final year in school and our Year 13 programme is designed to help them feel ready for leaving school in the summer.

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 – Meghan Russell

13 BJ – Ben Huntsman

12 JJD – Jessica Oliver

13 CT – Kyle Thompson

12 AMW – Tim Greenwood

13 SG – Holly Robb

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

Year 12 - Ella Took

Year 13 – Amelia Armstrong



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.

Year 12 work experience – under normal circumstances year 12 students would be completing a work experience placement in the summer term. Unfortunately, this will not be possible this year due to COVID. However, some students have been very proactive and completed work experience online. I mentioned in the last newsletter, a number of different opportunities available to our students. A number of students have taken advantage of Northumbria University's NU Entry scheme and will greatly benefit from this programme. Please encourage your young person to make the most of these opportunities. They are a valuable experience and will help students stand out from the crowd.



Information will continue to be sent via email. However, I know a number of students have been proactive and have found some amazing online work experiences.

Year 12 Next Step Event Thursday 8th July – Students will be off timetable for the morning for the Next Step Event. This event is designed to help students start to think about what they would like to do when they leave school. We will be running workshops about employment & apprenticeships, gap years and university. If students are thinking about making a university application, they will be given time to start their application and support on personal statements during the session. It is vital students use their free time over the summer holidays to start to research what they would like to do next.

Unifrog- Year 12 have been using their extended tutorial time to navigate around the Unifrog website. This is an excellent tool that we have enrolled onto, which offers fantastic guidance for Apprenticeships and Universities, as well as support with writing CV's. Students have been encouraged to complete a MOOC (massive open online course) Some of the students have enjoyed completing a digital media MOOC. These short courses are a fantastic way to enhance their enrichment opportunities.



UCAS – Most students have received all their offers from the different universities. There are a few students yet to confirm their firm and insurance choice. Each student has a different deadline date to accept or decline offers, based on when the universities made their offers. It is essential students meet the deadline for these offers. It has been a difficult decision for some students, as the usual open day visits have not been available to students. However, universities have provided online events to help students with their decisions.

Connexions – For any of our students who are unsure of what to do when they leave school they should make an appointment with Angela. Her email is Angela.Towes@monkseaton.org.uk Angela will be able to help guide students about further opportunities after school and is a fantastic support to our students who are not going to go to university.

Sixth Form Clubs and enrichment – There are a number of clubs for our sixth form students to get involved with. Miss McCallum's fitness club is proving very popular, along with the Volleyball club. A number of our students have helped with the Student Council's litter pick around school. If there are any clubs' students would like to start please come and discuss them with us.

Returning books – Please could all year 13 students return any school text books that they have at home. Books can be handed into reception to be passed back to the relevant department.



Finally, we are really excited to be working with Children North East to help us 'Poverty Proof' our school day. We know the past twelve months have been uniquely challenging in lots of different ways and financial circumstances may have been affected. The project will support us to remove any barriers to, ensuring the added pressures on household income do not have a negative impact on children's education.

As part of the process, a sample of students will attend an online focus group with Children North East to talk about their experiences both during lockdown and in relation to their education now. This is a great opportunity for students to give us some feedback so we can provide the most relevant and helpful support to all families.

Key dates

Friday 16th July – Summer break

Tuesday 10th August – year 13 results day

equality

opportunity

inclusion

achievement