

The Sixth Form Journey in Year 12 2021-2022

YEAR 12

September

Students begin their A-level/BTEC courses. Within the first 4 weeks we allow students to change an option from one subject to another if they believe they have made the wrong choice.

We run sessions towards the start of term on Unifrog, University Choices and career options. This is designed to help students see what subject choices are appropriate for the Higher Education courses and Degree apprenticeships they may be considering at University or college.

Key events	
INSET Days: Thursday 23 and Friday 24 September	Enrichment: Students make enrichment choices during September ready to start them in October.

October

Students settle into their courses. Workload builds and the subject content becomes more rigorous. Students should be working on homework or private study every evening and some of the weekend. Students with part time jobs should work no more than the recommended **maximum 12 hours per week**.

Key events	
Common deadline week: week commencing 04 October	University outreach: Deadlines for many university outreach courses are during October e.g. Ambition Nottingham

Half Term Holiday: Monday 18 – Friday 29 October

November

November can be a difficult time with increased workload, dark nights, cold weather and winter illnesses. Students may need extra support and encouragement to get them through to Christmas. Call us if you are overly worried about how your son/daughter is coping.

Key events	
GCSE Maths and English Language re-sits: week commencing 1 November	Progress report 1
Year 12 Tutor review for parents: Tuesday 30 November	



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December

Almost at the end of the first term. Be wary of employers increasing hours of part time jobs in the run up to Christmas and students trying to miss lessons or not do homework to cope.

Christmas holiday: Monday 20 December– Monday 3 January

January

Students return to school refreshed after the break. Hopefully students are now adjusted to working at Advanced Level.

February

Key events	
Progress report 2	University of Cambridge Visit (for selected students):
ECO Day: Wednesday 23 February	

Half term holiday: Monday 14 – Friday 18 February

March

Key events
Y12 parents' evening: Tuesday 1 March

Easter holiday: Monday 4 – Monday 18 April

April

Time to start revision full time. Build in short breaks to longer periods of revision.

May

Key events
BTEC exams: Some students will sit BTEC exams (these count towards their final qualification)

Half Term holiday: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June



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June

Mock exams begin. Students must pass to remain on courses.

Key events	
BTEC exams: Some students will sit BTEC exams (these count towards their final qualification)	Y12 Mock Exams: Week commencing 20 and 27 June
INSET Day: Friday 24 June	

July

Key events	
Next steps conference: Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 July	Head Boy and Head Girl applications open

Students begin the UCAS University Application process and register their details on the system. Unifrog is used to write personal statements. University open days begin.

Students attend University summer schools

It is imperative that students do not take holidays at this crucial time of year.

Summer holiday begins Friday 29 July

August

Students should use the long summer holiday to research their choices for university and begin to draft their UCAS personal statement.



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Key facts:

- Some students will be asked to work in Supervised Study during their non-contact periods if there is cause for concern over their progress, results or attitude to learning.
- All Sixth Form students take part in Tutor Time every day which includes university planning, PSHE tutorials and careers guidance.
- All year 12 students take part in the enrichment programme. This involves attending a curriculum enrichment each week, volunteering in a lower school lesson and joining a VT tutor group as a co-tutor.
- All year 12 students take part in the Stellar Programme.
- Some students are part of the various mentoring programmes in school and will receive additional support from either a staff academic mentor or a peer mentor in the Sixth Form.

Danger signs Y12:

- Little or no work done at home.
- Unfocussed work at home (distractions e.g. Social media, games consoles, television)
- Taking days off to catch up on work.
- Being home saying there are no lessons or lessons are cancelled – if a member of staff is absent then work is set by teachers and students are expected to sit in the Study Centre to complete it.
- Employers increasing part time job hours especially in the run up to Christmas.
- Staying up too late.
- Not using additional non-contact time effectively.
- Lack of motivation in school and at home
- Lack of homework

