

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we prepare to say goodbye to Year 13, the next few weeks are critically important as exams approach and we prepare for students leaving our Sixth Form, moving on to the next exciting stages of their lives. We have many fun events planned for our students and they will have a well-deserved and wonderful send-off. (I know Mrs Helsby has already received some 'secret' replies from you – thank you and please keep them coming!)

There is certainly a lot going on, with covid still affecting college and pressure is beginning to ramp up for Year 13. This has been a challenging time for us all and we are offering lots of support and guidance in College for students to set clear targets and approach the next few weeks as positively and productively as possible. Students must work hard over Easter but also set aside some time to rest and have a break alongside their studies.

Kind regards at this busy time,

Mrs McMillan

AP2

You will have received your child's AP2 grades this week. These give an indication of students' effort in lessons, effort with homework, their 'working-at' grade for each subject and whether they are 'on track' to hit their A Level target grades. It is important to note that the AP2 grades are not TAGs, as these grades have not been released. The vast majority of Year 13s are working very hard - however, if students have received 'Concerns' or 'Serious Concerns' then they need to liaise with teachers about how to rectify this, as soon as possible. The Sixth Form team will also meet with students to discuss progress, revision planning, next steps – and of course self-management and wellbeing.

Year 13 Exam Dates:

- **12th May AM until 1.00 Leavers Event and 'Last Day'**
- **Revision sessions may occur the following week – students need to sign in**
- **12th May PM – BTEC re-sit**
- **18th May First Exam (Biology)**
- **June Last Exam (Physics)**

Exam Revision

Mrs Rutter delivered an assembly about exams and revision strategies last week and her brilliant PPT has been emailed to students. Revision templates and resources (including Miss Rutter's assembly) are available here:

[https://tarporleyhigh.sharepoint.com/sites/THS-](https://tarporleyhigh.sharepoint.com/sites/THS-Home/Sixth%20Form%20Students/Year%202013/Forms/AllItems.aspx?newTargetListUrl=%2Fsites%2FTHS%2DHome%2FSixth%20Form%20Students%2FYear%2013&viewpath=%2Fsites%2FTHS%2DHome%2FSixth%20Form%20Students%2FYear%2013%2FForms%2FAllItems%2Easpx&id=%2Fsites%2FTHS%2DHome%2FSixth%20Form%20Students%2FYear%2013%2FStudy%20Timetables%20and%20APPS&viewid=9c6c014c%2Dbbe1%2D4942%2Dac5d%2D480e64644fa9)

[Home/Sixth%20Form%20Students/Year%202013/Forms/AllItems.aspx?newTargetListUrl=%2Fsites%2FTHS%2DHome%2FSixth%20Form%20Students%2FYear%2013&viewpath=%2Fsites%2FTHS%2DHome%2FSixth%20Form%20Students%2FYear%2013%2FForms%2FAllItems%2Easpx&id=%2Fsites%2FTHS%2DHome%2FSixth%20Form%20Students%2FYear%2013%2FStudy%20Timetables%20and%20APPS&viewid=9c6c014c%2Dbbe1%2D4942%2Dac5d%2D480e64644fa9](https://tarporleyhigh.sharepoint.com/sites/THS-Home/Sixth%20Form%20Students/Year%202013/Forms/AllItems.aspx?newTargetListUrl=%2Fsites%2FTHS%2DHome%2FSixth%20Form%20Students%2FYear%2013&viewpath=%2Fsites%2FTHS%2DHome%2FSixth%20Form%20Students%2FYear%2013%2FForms%2FAllItems%2Easpx&id=%2Fsites%2FTHS%2DHome%2FSixth%20Form%20Students%2FYear%2013%2FStudy%20Timetables%20and%20APPS&viewid=9c6c014c%2Dbbe1%2D4942%2Dac5d%2D480e64644fa9)

These short, free courses may also be useful:

- **University of Groningen – Free Course – Improving Study Techniques**
- <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/improving-study-techniques>
- **Tutor2U – Free Course – Revision / Organisation / Study Skills / Motivation**
- https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/effective-revision-skills-booster?fbclid=IwAR1qPFoW2awflyISU3oP_y4qARdGfPjRF5dy2GdC1wMYssDtK28AW-Khs7M

UCAS

Many students are now finalising university offers, beginning to make accommodation choices and organising student finance – it is important they chat to you, Mrs Helsby and I before making final decisions as these choices need considering very carefully. Students need to have made their decisions by **9th June**, if all offers have been received by 19th May. Of course, there is no need to wait until then and once the decision is made, students can request their first choice of accommodation which can get competitive! At this late stage, students are certainly entitled to ring admissions teams if they are still waiting and ask when they are likely to hear. Some universities and courses are being very slow to make their decisions, and this is frustrating as all our applications were in before Christmas. Additionally, competition is fiercer than ever due to all of the deferrals from students from the last two years. All Sixth Form colleges are saying the same thing, so this is not unique to us. Useful links here:

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/undergraduate/type/key-date>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/ucas-undergraduate-types-offer>

<https://www.ucas.com/>

STUDENT FINANCE

Thanks to those who attended the Finance Evening last week. Debra Worthington from MMU gave some brilliant advice and information on this fairly complex process – especially when going through the process for the first time. Mrs Helsby emailed out the powerpoint with very useful information last Friday and here are some links that provide additional guidance:

- <https://media.slc.co.uk/sfe/quickstartfinanceguide/index.html>
- https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/?utm_source=maxemail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=FIS_bulletin_March21_Stephen
- <https://www1.chester.ac.uk/news/how-manage-student-budget>

PROM

The Prom Committee visited Peckforton Castle this week and are making plans for a wonderful evening, never to forget. This is a gorgeous location and the best Tarporley night of the year. Arrangements are being finalised and we are very much aware that they missed their Year 11 Prom in 2020 – this is a rite of passage that really deserve and we will make it as special and as memorable as we can. **Prom date: 29th June**

EPQ

The EPQ is an additional qualification that equates to half an A Level and entails students researching a topic totally unrelated to their A Level subjects. They work independently on this alongside their studies and finally produce a 5000 word report, a presentation and a detailed production log that documents their academic journey. This week students have been doing their presentations on a wide and hugely impressive range of topics. We have been blown away by their articulacy, confidence and academic brilliance! Well done to all. Here are the topics they chose:

- Ella Chang – Online radicalisation of young females
- Thomas Helsby – Cognitive degeneration caused by heading in Football
- David Quinn – Post-Modernism and Modernism
- Emily Rippin – Ostalgie and the GDR
- Emily Anderton – Beauty Standards in a toxic online society
- Millie Billingham – Providing early support to keep offenders virtuous
- Jemima Dodwell-Cooke – Hallucinogens – their use and long term effects
- Niamh Bartlett – Technological innovations in Dentistry

ICT BTEC

Well done to all students who received their results last week – some superb results! Good luck to the two students who have opted to re-sit in their pursuit of an even higher grade.

ART TRIP

It was fabulous to have a trip with students once again – the first one since 2019! Art and Photography students visited the Michelangelo Sistine Chapel Exhibition in Manchester and life felt almost normal again! It was a joy spending time with students on this day and seeing their awesome creative work. Good luck to all students who are busily working on coursework, as there is no Art or Photography exam this year. A lot of work

