



Dear Parent / Carer,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, we know that students are shattered and ready for a break. We ended the week with a celebration assembly and praise letters today - with so many accomplishments and achievements to reward.

A Levels are now in full swing for Year 12s, with exams beginning on **May 2nd**. Work Experience is shortly after half term and we are already supporting students with their Post-Sixth Form pathways. Equally, in this pivotally important period, Year 13s are reflecting on mock results, university offers, apprenticeship application processes and coursework completion. The week off gives everyone chance to recuperate but also to use the time wisely so it is most productive.

All students should meticulously organise files, class notes, cue cards, revision notes and their study spaces to prepare for forthcoming exams over the break. Templates and resources are available on the VLE here: Year 13 [Study Timetables and APPS](#) Year 12 [Study Timetables and APPS](#)
Have a wonderful and productive week

Mrs McMillan
Director of Tarporley Sixth Form

UCAS

Every student has now received university offers after we have completed over 90 high quality university applications. Many have all five offers now and some have accepted their Firm and Insurance offers - narrowing from 5 universities to 2. Ideally the Insurance offer should be a lower, more accessible offer but this is not always possible. Students should put the two universities that are their favourites - a lower insurance choice at a university that they will not go to, is really a wasted option; also remember that some universities do offer flexibility on results day. Many students have booked applicant / offer holder days to revise their decision-making which we would recommend, and the deadline for making decisions is **Monday, 9th June** - however universities and students may wish to sort accommodation before then. Do some research on this and read the details of university offers carefully before making any decisions,

Please also make a note of our **Student Finance Evening for parents of Years 13 and 12**, that will be held in the school hall on **Monday, 20th March at 6pm**. The guest speaker is from the Outreach team from Manchester Metropolitan university and she really is very knowledgeable and an excellent speaker. Students are welcome to attend with parents. Student Finance applications open in March – HSBC are booked to deliver a session on money management with Year 13 on the next PSHCE Day in April.

For Year 12, we had visitors from Liverpool John Moore's University and an alumni speaker from PWC during yesterday's PSHCE Day. A trip to campus university, Edge Hill, will take place in April and our Post Sixth Form days take place in the summer term coinciding with the launch of UK University Open Days, so students will receive lots of help with their applications then. We also plan to attend the UCAS Exhibition in Birmingham (featuring countless employer and apprenticeship stalls) along with representation from all Russell Group universities.

There is a lot in the news about changes to the UCAS application process for Year 12 - please be assured that **personal statements remain the same next year for 2024 entry** - but references have been refined and amended slightly. We will offer a **UCAS Information Evening for parents in June** with valuable vocational and academic guidance on the process and 2024 amendments - watch this space.

Careers and Work Experience

Year 12 students also have their week's work experience after half term **(6th - 10th March)**. Students have secured some fabulous placements, with risk assessments now in place, and they should all be congratulated for this. We hope they have a fabulous and incredibly useful week. Students have all received a booklet to record their daily experiences - this must be filled in and returned after their week. This is really important. Many thanks to Mr Brownley for his tireless work and support here - he spoke to students with final tips and guidance yesterday during PSHCE and we will deliver an assembly in the first week back, to guide students regarding conduct and protocol during that week.

Head Students

We have just announced our fabulous new Year 12 Head Students - congratulations to all successful applicants. Year 13s step down from their roles - special thanks to Jamie, Annabel, Georgia and Charlie in particular for their sterling work as Sixth Form role models and ambassadors - outstanding. Huge congratulations to our new teams of student leaders who are already embracing their new roles:

Head Student Roles

- **Head Students:** Isaac B & Emily P
- **Deputy Head Student:** Lily D & Alfie N
- **TERM Editor** – Beth H
- **Photography Curator** – Luke W
- **Art Director** – Olivia B
- **Deputy Editor** – Seth C & Alice L
- **Assistant Editors** – Carys W / Olivia E / Ruby W / Lillie N-J / Max O'S
- **Social Media Lead** – Emma P
- **Spanish Subject Lead** - Elizabeth J
- **Transition Leads:** Lucy B /AnnabelT /Martha W / Connie M
- **Social Secretaries:** Harry O/Alessia H/Nina W
- **Mental Health Leads:** Flo B & Hannah C
- **Eco Lead:** Carys R
- **Community Leads:** Sophie H & Ben G
- **Smart Council Chairs:** Lara B /Nancy D-S / Grace R
- **Debate Society Chair:** Annabel J
- **Diversity Lead:** Charley G



Enrichment and Super-curricular Activities

This half term has been incredibly busy with the following valuable activities. It is brilliant to see all students engaging with Enrichment Activities to prepare them for their studies and future pathways. All **Year 12 students have been set a homework to complete a Future Learn (Massive Online Open Course) on a subject of their choice – due after half term.** These are courses set by, and valued by, top universities and can be listed on all future applications: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

- Bar Mock Trial
- UK Youth Parliament (Good Luck Skye!)
- Aladdin Production
- Holocaust Trust
- Holocaust and LGBTQ+ student-led assemblies
- King's College BESST Trial
- Breathing & Relaxation Workshops
- EPQ
- BSL
- TEFL
- Reading Buddies
- Spanish MFL Debate Challenge Competition
- Maths Challenge Competition
- Berlin Trip
- KS4 Classroom support
- Chess Club
- Debate Club
- Q&A Club
- Dementia Lecture / Shrewsbury Prison visit – for Psychology
- Chester Uni visit Product Design
- York Uni visit Linguistics
- Future Learn Course
- Sport - football / netball / rugby