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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to update you on the key dates coming up for Year 13 after Easter, and to commend your child for their commitment to learning and mature attitude demonstrated, as they have transitioned back to Sixth Form life. Considering the extended period of time students undertook with remote learning, the Sixth Form block has sprung back into life with students working hard to meet their own high expectations and the high standards of the Sixth Form team.

Year 13 students have now all received their Assessment Timetable and a copy can be found on the Sixth Form Google Classroom. Your child has been told what assessments they will complete and how they will be assessed over the coming weeks, to ensure they are building a portfolio of evidence that reflects their progress. The last day of Year 13 will be Friday, 28th May 2021.

To support all students in completing the highest quality portfolios of evidence teachers are supporting your child through:

- Teaching and learning in lesson time
- Priority use of the silent study rooms
- Peer to peer support revision programme each morning during tutor time
- After school revision and assessment preparation support

After school (3pm – 4pm) revision timetable until 28th May 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A		A-Level Photography - A3 Maths A-Level - M5 Y13 Business - Google Classroom	Y13 English - E2 A-Level Geography - CFE1	A-Level Photography (CFR) - A3 A Level Psychology - CFE3 Y13 BTEC Sport - PE1 Health & Social Care - CFE2	A - Level Biology - S4
Week B		A-Level Photography - A3 Maths A-Level - M5	Y13 English - E2 A-Level Geography - CFE1	A-Level Photography (CFR) - A3 A Level Psychology - CFE3 Y13 BTEC Sport - PE1 Health & Social Care - CFE2	A - Level Biology - S4

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to office@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



We are really proud that our Sport and Business students sat their BTEC exams in January, amidst the confusion that was being reported in the news at the time. The external validation students have received from the Exam Board has really boosted their confidence, whilst providing much needed external evidence of how well your child is progressing on their courses. The results the PE and Business departments achieved with their students is highly commendable.

This week, James Seymour from Gloucester University, delivered a virtual assembly to Year 13 to let them know what to expect as they prepare for university in September. We are advising students with regard to their financial needs, confirmation of courses and other queries they may have at this time.

After Easter, we will be joined in assembly by our external Careers adviser Richard Harrington, who will talk about local labour market information and evaluate the impact of the pandemic locally for our students in comparison to the national landscape. The information I have been fortunate to view recently, paints a more positive picture for our students, with opportunities coming their way in coming months and the following year.

If your child has yet to confirm what they will be doing when they leave the Sixth Form and are in need of guidance and support, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cunningham in the first instance; pcunningham@buckinghamschool.org. We are keen to ensure all our students leave the Sixth Form with the highest grades they can achieve, a competitive transferable skillset and are on the most appropriate career pathway for them.

Thank you for participating in the recent parent survey following the virtual Parents Evening. Your feedback is used to inform the Sixth Form team on how we can further improve the provision in Sixth Form, to our learners and their families. A small number of parents were unsure what their child is studying throughout their time in the Sixth Form. I would like to draw your attention to the following link to the school website, where you can find everything you need to know about what your child will be studying throughout the 2-year course:

<https://www.buckinghamschool.org/page/?title=Subject+Information+by+Year+Group&pid=271>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your recent feedback has helped us to respond to meeting the needs of our students throughout the pandemic. We have not always been able to fully appreciate the different experiences our students have had throughout lockdown; close partnerships with our students and their families has meant a great deal to us and the students.

I would also like to thank the Sixth Form team, teachers and the many staff behind the scenes who have adapted their practices at a moment's notice and always prioritised the pastoral and academic needs of our students.

As always, if you have any queries or your child is in need of support of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

With my warmest wishes,

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