



October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

As we approach the October half term, please see below an update on some key events and current focus areas for our 6th form Students.

### Year 12

We would like to congratulate our Year 12 Students on the progress they have made so far, this academic year. They have demonstrated a strong commitment to their studies and have embraced the challenges of post-16 education with enthusiasm and determination. They have settled well and are understanding the importance of creating study patterns to become more independent learners. We hope they enjoyed the university and careers fair, that helps to shape their thinking about the future, with some already making plans for life beyond TCS.

### Year 13

Year 13 are approaching a crucial time in A level, vocational and T level studies where students should have a better idea of their destination beyond school and how exam success will be crucial in confirming their choices. The UCAS portal for University entrance has been open for some time and early applicants have already submitted their applications. There is no time to waste and Mr Owen is on hand to give personalised support with the process. The UCAS website is excellent with support for students and parents and a useful place for parents to start is here: [Advice for parents, guardians and carers | Undergraduate, Conservatoires, Apprenticeships, 16-18 Choices | UCAS](#)

Those students looking for training and apprenticeships should be having a closer look at the relevant websites and talking to Mrs Bishop or Mr Owen about their options. There are some great apprenticeships out there but they do take some searching – take a look at this list, for example: [Top100AE24.pdf \(topapprenticeshipemployers.co.uk\)](#)

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### Our values at The Coleshill School

We have a straightforward approach to Sixth Form study with all our students working hard, being kind and taking responsibility. We believe that hard work + good study habits = success but it is always worth recapping some of the good habits which underpin success.

- Regular study routines at home and in school
- Well organised folders and working space
- Practising exam papers and getting feedback is crucial.
- Eating well, sleeping well and exercising appropriately all lead to a better frame of mind for study.

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- Part time work – research show us that more paid work leads to lower grades; some students are doing an awful lot of paid work.
- Tutors and subject staff are always on hand to assist – if in doubt, ask!

### **Bursary**

The Sixth Form Bursary Fund, is available to provide financial support to eligible students. This fund can assist with the costs of textbooks, equipment, and other educational resources. We would encourage you to review the eligibility criteria and application process, which can be found on website [www.coleshillschool.org/sixthform/bursary](http://www.coleshillschool.org/sixthform/bursary) if you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Sixth Form Team.

### **Student Voice**

We are committed to ensuring that our Sixth Form students have a strong voice within the school community. Student Voice is crucial in shaping an inclusive and dynamic experience for our Sixth Form students. Students are encouraged to express their opinions and ideas, it fosters a sense of ownership and engagement in their learning journey. We value Student Voice as it promotes a culture of respect and collaboration, empowering our students to become confident, responsible, and proactive members of their communities.

### **Mock Exams**

As we approach the upcoming mock examinations series (see details below), we would like to emphasise the importance of effective preparation. Our teaching staff have been working tirelessly to ensure that our students are well-equipped to perform at their best. I would urge you to support your young person in their revision and study, and to encourage them to utilise the resources and support available within the school. Our Sixth Form Team is here to provide guidance and revision support throughout this process, and we are committed to helping our young people achieve their full potential.

### **Key Dates and Events:**

- Sixth Form Open Evening on 7th November 5pm - 7pm and we hope many of our current Sixth Form students will be able to help showcasing our 6<sup>th</sup> form to Year 11 students.
- Year 13 criminology exam is Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November for 8 hours over the two days
- Wednesday 20th November Year 12 and 13 Parents evening. This is a face-to-face evening and more details will be released as to how you can book slots with teachers. In advance of the evening you will receive a progress report for your son/daughter
- Monday 25th November - Friday 6th December Year 13 mock exams and Year 12 in-class assessments
- Tuesday 26th November - Tutor 2 u Trip to Star City for Year 13 studying psychology, business studies and health and social care



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Yours faithfully

*Sixth Form Team*

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