



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Year 12

Dear Parent/Guardian

Summer Term Letter

It is wonderful to see Year 12 back in school after Easter, concentrating on their studies whilst continuing to play a full role in the wider life of the school. As we enter the final weeks of the academic year, I wanted to write to you to inform you of some important upcoming events. This is an exciting time for Year 12, contemplating their future destinations and becoming the most senior students in the school.

So far this term in PSHE this term students have participated in a village litter pick and have been working towards their mock interviews on Tuesday 12 May. This has included an opportunity to update their CVs and will also include an opportunity to practice their interview techniques. Later this term we will conduct academic mentoring. After half term PSHE will cover topics such as finance and body image whilst also giving students the opportunity to prepare for their mock examinations at the end of June. We will finish the year with the ever-popular Silly Olympics! Towards the end of the term we will also be preparing for our end of year trip to London. This is scheduled for Thursday 16 July. Mrs Munro, Assistant Head of Year will send out more information nearer the time.

Before the summer students will continue to investigate and scrutinise Post 18 pathways. We have arranged for students to visit Lincoln University on Wednesday 1 July for the UCAS Discovery Day. Mr Brittain will write to you with more details on this event shortly. Students will have the opportunity to talk to a huge range of universities, apprenticeship providers, military organisations and more, with a view to inspiring some ideas for future study or employment. Many of these organisations are already preparing for the 2027 intake and regularly send me information on open days, summer schools and other opportunities that you and your child may be interested in. These are displayed on our dedicated UCAS/Careers Notice Board in resources and may also be advertised on the daily bulletin. Tutors will also deliver key information during registration, as will Mrs Munro, Mr Brittain and I in assemblies.

Students are strongly encouraged to conduct personal research into a variety of Post 18 destinations in their own time. Should students wish to visit universities for open days they are welcome to do so in school time, providing we receive prior notification from home. We would suggest limiting missing school for open days to three days. As most universities do hold events during weekends, we would prefer for students to miss as little school time as possible. I would also remind all students that they must also be prepared to complete work missed at school in their absence.

Students will commence their UCAS application process prior to the summer break, whilst a dedicated alternative pathways support will also be available. As parents, we would like to work with you closely in supporting Post 18 destinations. On the evening of Thursday 21 May, we will be holding our Post 18 event. Mrs Roberts will be writing to you shortly to confirm these details.

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At this stage of Year 12 all students should be routinely working towards their EPQ. This qualification is worth half an A-Level in terms of UCAS points. It was designed by universities who were getting frustrated that students had no experience of independent study or research-based projects similar to dissertations. Perhaps most importantly, a large proportion of our current Year 13 students found that their entry requirements for university were lowered after achieving a good EPQ grade.

Earlier in the year we launched our work experience programme for Year 12. Students can undertake either face to face or virtual placements (or both) and many students have now already completed their placement or have one booked. However, we are still waiting for a number of students to inform us of their plans. Time is now running very short for face-to-face work experience; please remember that we must have a minimum of four weeks' notice to allow for safety checks. Face to face placements done during a student's own time (during the evenings or holidays) do count as work experience but we do need to know the details for our records.

A very valid alternative to a face-to-face placement is virtual work experience and many students have commented on how valuable they have found this. Please do encourage your child to look at opportunities on sites like www.speakersforschools.org, www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience, [Virtual Work Experience tool | Barclays LifeSkills](#), www.prospects.ac.uk, [Work Experience | NHS Talent Academy](#), and remind them that they do need to undertake a placement before the end of the year. Virtual placements can be from just a few hours up to five days and students can take time off school to complete them. If your child is unsure of how to proceed, please email c.roberts@williamfarr.linc.sch.uk or ask them to talk to their tutor.

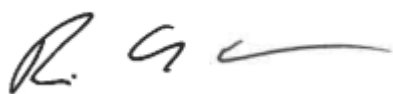
It has been wonderful to experience the lovely sunny weather in the first few weeks of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the Sixth Form Dress Code which can be found on the school website. At William Farr we try to strike a balance between giving our students more freedoms than they had in lower school whilst maintaining a productive and suitable work environment. It is important for students to bear in mind that they are role models and share the school with students as young as 11.

At this point in Year 12, a number of students are either learning to drive or have already passed their tests. At William Farr we acknowledge that learning to drive is an important right of passage. Following feedback from students and parents we now allow students to have driving lessons in their free periods. This privilege is subject to students maintaining good progress towards their target grades. Once students have learned to drive, they are permitted to park in the rear carpark. To do this, they must request a form from me. Students are not permitted to park in the main carpark at the front of the school. Parking is limited and I am aware that some students park on Beckhall. Students are of course within their rights to do this; however we would request that students are considerate of our neighbours and park legally and sensibly. Students are permitted to drive at lunchtime. If you do not wish your child to be a passenger in a student's car please make your child aware of this.

Please may I remind you that all students should be in form rooms at 9.00am for registration. Students should arrive at school in plenty of time. Students arriving after 9.00am should report to Reception to sign in late and this will be entered into the attendance register. If lateness is because of a school bus being delayed, then lateness to school will not be recorded. Punctuality is important and will be closely monitored.

I look forward to continuing working with you to ensure excellent progress and pastoral support for all Sixth Form students.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Noon
Head of Year 12 and 13