

Ref: TB/SS/Doncaster Letters/year 13 Welcome Back Letter

16 September 2021

It has been a real pleasure to have students back with us this term and we are extremely impressed with how well they have approached their studies through some difficult circumstances.

Y13 Parents' Welcome Back Evening

I am pleased to invite you to our Year 13 Parents welcome back evening on **Tuesday 21st September 6:00PM**. The aim of the session will be to explore the following:

- A welcome from the senior leadership team and an introduction to the year ahead for Y13 parents and carers.
- An opportunity for us to highlight how we will aim to support students within their subjects and the ways in which you can help.
- Information relating to how students, parents and the college will prepare for progression and applications to HE, apprenticeships and employment.

A further evening later in the term will focus on what will happen once students have made their applications to university/apprenticeships with matters including selecting providers, student finance, accommodation etc. Further information will be shared with you closer to the time inviting you to this event.

Y13 Parents' Evening

Year 13 parents evening will take place on Wednesday 24th November, please rest assured that teachers and progress tutors will contact you directly if they have any concerns about the progress, attendance or commitment of students. Staff will be happy to talk to you by telephone if you do wish to discuss any issues further. Please feel free to contact teachers or progress tutors by email, telephone or through Cedar at any point this term if you have any worries or concerns.

Key Dates

For students that are interested in **apprenticeships** after Year 13, we are organising an evening talk for students and parents later in the term – details to follow.

For students applying to **university**, the deadline for students to return their printed UCAS applications to their progress tutors is Friday 26th November 2021.

For students applying to **Oxford, Cambridge or for medicine, dentistry or veterinary science**, students should return their printed UCAS applications to progress tutors by Friday 8th October 2021 and should arrange a meeting with Daniel Wood, Assistant Principal, as soon as possible if they haven't already done so.

Mock exam weeks will take place the week commencing 29th November 2021 and 14th March 2022 with standard Cedar assessments also taking place in September, January and May. With the return of external exams this academic year, the importance of students working hard to prepare for their assessments is more important than ever, and there is clear evidence that retrieval practice and regular assessment play a vitally important part in the learning process.

Please do get in touch if we can provide any further support or assistance. We hope to see you at Welcome Back Evening on the 21st September.

Yours sincerely



Brendon Fletcher
Principal