



HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

May I wish you all a very Happy New Year for 2024. We hope your child has had a restful yet productive break and has been able to prepare well for their school examinations which continue this week.

With this in mind, we want to remind you that the Options school examinations will start at 1:05pm and may be as long as 2 hours. However, some examinations are shorter in length and where this is the case, students will be allowed to leave school once their exam finishes which may be before 2:45pm. If you would like your child to remain in school, please can you contact upperschoolstaff@hswv.co.uk so we can ensure they do not leave early.

Students will be receiving their exam results as and when they become available from their subject teachers over the course of the next few weeks. However, we do appreciate that you would like to be updated on how well they have achieved and can confirm that their school examination results will be shared with you as part of their next Progress Review on Friday 2nd February.

Intervention Evenings

Subject staff are currently identifying students in need of further support and guidance. Parents/carers of those students will be invited to attend a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams on one or both of the following dates:

- Monday 22nd January 5:30pm until 7:30pm - Maths and English Intervention Evening
- Tuesday 6th February 5:30pm until 7:30pm – Science and Options Intervention Evening

If your child has been identified by subject staff, you will receive a letter over the next few weeks and relevant meetings will be generated via Microsoft Teams using your email address. We would be grateful if you could keep these dates and times available until you receive further correspondence from us over the coming weeks.

Post-16 Applications

During an assembly this morning, we reminded students that they should be thinking about their Post-16 preparations over the coming weeks and have been set the following deadlines:

- Friday 26th January at 3pm – This is the deadline for applications to Highfields Sixth Form. All the information about our Sixth Form and the application form can be found [here](#). Students will need to submit a 'personal statement' as part of their application. They will receive additional support with this on Thursday 18th January during their English lesson so we would ask that they wait until Monday 22nd January before submitting an application.



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- Friday 2nd February at 3pm – This is the deadline for all other students to ensure they have applied to suitable colleges for their Post-16 studies.

If your child would like to apply for an apprenticeship, we would still recommend making an application to college or Sixth Form in the first instance. Apprenticeships are live vacancies that can be applied for throughout the year, but students need to keep in mind that they can only apply for vacancies with a start date from July 2024. Your child will be able to browse apprenticeship opportunities via the following website:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

If your child would like any further support with their applications, they can contact careerguidance@hswv.co.uk to arrange a meeting with one of our Careers Advisors in school. Alternatively, they may wish to attend our 'Careers Fair' in school on Wednesday 31st January from 5:30pm until 8pm.

Extended Learning

During the Autumn Term, our programme of after school revision sessions focused on the Option subjects. From Monday 22nd January, the Core subjects (Maths, English and Science) will be included in our Extended Learning Timetable. An updated copy will be sent to you next week.

There will also be a programme of Saturday School masterclasses which we will also share with you next week. In most cases, these sessions are available to all students, but if you would like your child to attend, we will require your consent with sessions taking place outside of normal school hours. Letters will be sent out weekly detailing the revision session on offer and how to sign your child up for a place that week.

Condover Hall

Finally, there are still a small number of places available on our Condover Hall Maths and English study residential. The visit takes place from Thursday 8th February until Saturday 10th February. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like more information about the visit or to book a place for your child.

As ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via upperschoolstaff@hswv.co.uk if you would like to speak with a member of the year team.

Yours sincerely

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ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER / HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL