

## PARENT FORUM 20 05 22

**Welcome!**

**Year 11 exams began this week and Year 13 begins next week been very positive so far. Huge range of support and drop downs have been offered to our students. Revision sessions in school, at the weekends and during half term is also taking place.**

**Parent of Year 13 student: A huge thank you to all the Year 13 teachers for the support that has been given to the students.**

**Reminder: Next Friday is the last day before half term.**

**AP2 examinations for Years 7-10 & 12 will be taking place week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020.**

**Could the examinations have more emphasis on study skills and provide model answers? I.e. what "best" looks like to achieve max marks? We have done a huge amount of work on this, they are provided with homework, curriculum booklets, but it is still at least a month away. Model answers are possible in some subjects but English is more skills based and students should be careful not to rely on model answers. It is better to teach students how to think.**

**Parent of Year 8 student: We have received revision for the AP2 examinations for Computer Science but the teacher has been absent for some considerable time and only just returned. That member of staff is now back and further revision guides have been issued to assist with any gaps. Further support will be provided for these students and staff will provide further feedback. We will ensure that the students are prepared for their exams.**

**Parent of Year 12 student: Thank you doing a marvellous job. Any news for Year 12 specifically? AP2 will be coming up for them week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please note that Year 12 students need to meet the minimum requirements to progress to into Year 13. They must pass year 1 of their course to progress to year 2.**

**Parent of Year 10 student: Work experience – is it normal practice to have to find work experience themselves? Yes, some students have contacts within their own families/friends and our careers guidance officer, Mr Howard will work with any students who were struggling to find a placement. Part of this learning process and life skill is to write a letter of application and ask for a work experience opportunity. Templates of a sample letter and a list of previous businesses have been provided.**

**Ofsted Report: Will be released very soon.**

**Year 9 new starter - any feedback from school possible? Normally there is a set meeting within the first few weeks. Ms Borroni is the HOY9 and you will receive a call after half term to discuss your child's progress.**

**Year 7 transition day, there is a primary school trip happening on the same day. I would urge every child to attend Cardinal Pole's transition programme. It is a huge programme that has been put together for the whole day. We recently had our new intake information evening last week and this week we have had our personalised 1-2-1 meetings.**

**Parents: Thanks to the library team, they are excellent at encouraging my child to read!**

**Next parent forum will take place after half term. Have a restful half term and thank you for your ongoing support.**



**Mr A Hall  
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