

4 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 13 Update

The start of term already seems like a long time ago and it is wonderful to see Year 13 back in the full swing of Sixth Form life. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for helping to keep your child(ren) motivated and engaged with their KS5 studies as they undertake their final (and most important) year with us.

Assessments and Tracking

Year 13 assessments begin on Monday 14 October with tracking due shortly after the October half term. Please speak to your child(ren) about how their preparations for these assessments are going. Form tutors have also been checking their preparations over the past few weeks.

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For the rest of this term, the majority of our students will be busily preparing for their university applications; writing personal statements and selecting courses that they wish to study. Please speak to your child(ren) about this process and support them in being proactive in their approach. Mrs Tucker is available in the 6th form office for any support that students may need, either with the process of applying or checking and advising on personal statements.

Registration Fees

When students registered with us in September 2023, we informed you that the registration fees for year 13 would be £70.

This registration fee includes the team building workshop which happened on the 25 September, a £30 photocopying allowance and other incidental expenditure such as Future Choices materials. **This fee is due on or before October 31** and as we are a cashless school, all payments should be made via Parentpay at www.parentpay.com using your unique login and password. You are not obliged to make this contribution, but if insufficient funds are received, it is likely that certain events/provisions will not go ahead.

If you would prefer to pay by cash please request a barcoded letter from the finance department (tel: 01403 787200 ext 223 or email finance@theweald.org.uk). You will then be able to take the letter to your local PayPoint retailer, where you can pay by cash. We are unable to accept cash or cheques at school.

When making this payment you are also confirming your general consent for your child to attend events organised by the 6th Form for students in Year 13. We will of course always advise you of these events in advance.

16-19 Bursary Fund

We do not want any student to be prevented from continuing their education in the Sixth Form as a result of financial concerns. If a student is concerned about how to meet the cost of transport, equipment necessary for their courses and/or trips and other subject related activities then they should consider applying for the Bursary. All information provided regarding the Bursary will be treated in the strictest confidence. We are aware that people's circumstances change during the course of the academic year and so we accept applications for the Bursary at any point during the year. If you would like to apply for the bursary, please let us know by contacting us at sixthformoffice@theweald.org.uk

Yours faithfully,



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