

Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the Christmas break we wanted to write to thank you for your support over the past term as well as to update you on what we have been up to and what we are looking forward to next year. It has been a challenging term with high staff and student absence. We are very proud of the way our sixth form students have risen to this challenge by working independently at times and offering support to staff and other students in any way they can.

This term our Yr 13 students have submitted their applications to UCAS with many already receiving offers from universities and invitations to interviews. I hope you will join us in congratulating those that have received offers to study optometry, biomedical science, pharmaceutical and cosmetic science, and other exciting degree courses, as well as those who have been invited to interviews for medicine, nursing, paramedic science and midwifery.

During this term we have had several masterclasses. Alshana Rahemtulla from University of Plymouth Optometry who provided the year 12 students an extremely informative presentation all about the course and who to expect as an optometrist working with the general public. Tamsin Booth from University of Plymouth Midwifery also provided an insight into life as a midwife and the entry requirements to become a student midwife. We are always extremely grateful for the university in their support of our aspiring health professionals.

Year 13 BTEC External assessment workshops Thursday 6th January:

We wanted to give you and the students notice that on Thursday January 6th we will be asking our Yr 13 students who are taking Health and Social Care Exams to attend a series of workshops in preparation for their external assessments the following week. We therefore ask the students to inform their placement that they will be unable to attend on this day.

Group	10.00 am - 11.30		12.00 - 1.30
13B1	Unit 3 - SF01 with Mr Rebhan and Miss Reid	Break	Unit 4 - SF01 with Mrs Buckingham and Mrs Chalmers
13B2	Unit 4 - SF02 with Mrs Buckingham & Mrs Chalmers	Break	Unit 3 - SF02 with Mr Rebhan and Miss Reid
13A (HSC)	Unit 2 - SF03 with Miss Hefford	Break	Unit2 - SF03 with Miss Hefford

Hot food and drinks will be provided during the break.

BTEC External Assessments in January:

- January 12th - Unit 4 Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- January 14th - Unit 1 Lifespan Development
- January 17th - Unit 2 Working in Health and Social Care
- January 20th - Unit 3 Anatomy and Physiology

All students sitting an exam should have been given their exam timetable and letter with this information. Those that did not receive the letter in person will have this sent to them. Please make contact if you have not received this the first week back.

Change of Pastoral teams from January 2022

Due to a change in staff we will be making small amendments to our tutor teams. From January:

Year 12 Sanger A - Miss Roberts

Year 12 Seacole A - Mrs Farragher (formally Miss Reid)

Year 12 Seacole B - Mrs Edmondson/Mrs Carver

Year 13B (both groups) - Miss Reid (formerly Mrs Buckingham and Miss Goodwright)

Year 13A (both groups) - Miss Wedlake (formerly Dr Dawdry and Mrs Wrigley)

Lateral flow testing in January:

As you may have already read in the letter from Ms Leech we have some slight changes to the first week back. Lateral Flow testing needs to take place the first week back:

- Yr 13 students - Wednesday 5th January 9.00 - 10.00am
- Yr 12 students - Thursday 7th January 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Students will return home after they have been tested and normal lessons will resume from Friday 7th January (except for students taking part in the workshops on Thursday).

Reminder of some basic expectations:

- The day begins at 8.50 and finishes at 3.45pm All students are expected to be in for tutor time at 8.50am and again at 3.30pm. This is the time in which we share important information with students as well as provide careers and study skills guidance.
- Students are expected to arrive ready to learn with all appropriate equipment.
- Students are expected to wear a visible item of Scott College clothing at all times. We will be changing this to 'business dress' from September 2022 and will prepare the current year 12 students on what this means ahead of the change. The letter regarding trousers earlier this week was for lower school only. Our website has our [sixth form dress code](#).

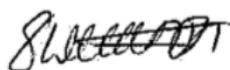
Looking forward we have the London trip planned for the spring term, a two day visit to London at the end of March. Students will visit the Science Museum and the Centre of the Cell exhibition as well as watching a west end musical in the evening. The final 2 payments are required on the following dates:

- The second payment for the trip is required on 18th January for the amount of £41.00
- The final payment for the trip is required by 1st March for the amount of £41.00

Both payments will be available to pay now via Parentpay.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. We wish you a happy and safe Christmas

Yours faithfully,



Miss Charlotte Hefford and Miss Laura Wilkinson

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