

18th October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to share with you my thoughts about our first half-term in our brand new building. It has been great to see our Year 12 students settle into their new school so quickly. Equally, Year 13 students have made a smooth transition to their new year and new building.

Year 12 students on the BTEC Pathway enjoyed a fun afternoon at Escape Rooms in September. All of the students got stuck in and we took the opportunity to get to know each other a little better.

Many of the Year 13 students have been working hard on their UCAS applications. We are planning to hold a personal statement bootcamp after half term to support the completion of UCAS applications. Thank you for your support in helping them to decide which institutions and courses to apply to. We can not wait to hear news of the offers they receive!

Many of our Year 12 and 13 students are in the process of securing work placements and some of these have already embarked on these placements. May I take this opportunity to thank you for any support you have given in helping to secure work placements, it is greatly appreciated. Whilst we cannot apply for placements for the students, Mrs Humpherson is available for support with finding and securing placements, as well as how to write an introductory email and completion of forms. Mrs Humpherson is located in GF6.

This week all Year 12 students had training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation as part of the National Restart a Heart Day. External speakers this half-term have included an Occupational Therapist who came in to talk to the students about 15 different Allied Health Professions and an Operating Department Practitioner who delivered a session on a day in the life of a ODP. Many Year 12 students have also signed up for an Allied Health Professions showcase at Plymouth University and/or the Radiotherapy Open Evening at Derriford Hospital which they are looking forward to attending tomorrow.

Looking forward to the Christmas term, I will be escorting a group of students to a Health Courses Open Day at Plymouth University on Friday 16th November and we will also have talks in school from professionals in the field of Occupational Therapy and Adult Nursing.

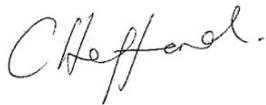
Our end of Cycle 1 Assessments commence the w/b Monday 5th November. I cannot stress enough the importance of our students setting aside some time each day to revise over the half-term break. As Head of the BTEC Pathway, I will

be recognising and rewarding success once the assessment results are in. I will also be putting intervention in place for those students who need additional support to achieve.

Our first half-term has been exciting, challenging and rewarding and we look forward to the opportunities that next term will bring.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Hefford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

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