



It has been a busy January and I wish you an enjoyable coach weekend when it arrives. Plenty of notices below.

### Upper Sixth:

- It is brilliant to see so many universities responding to the applications you have made. Next month Mr Percival will speak to you collectively about how to respond to offers and the decision-making process from this point. Please do not worry if you have not heard back from some of your applications, different universities respond at different speeds.
- Advanced notice that on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, morning lessons will be replaced by some 'Futures' activities. This will likely consist of workshops on topics such as budgeting, finance, personal branding, and others. Further details to follow, you have hopefully had some input into the content of this event this via the Futures Ambassador in your Boarding House.

### Lower Sixth:

- Mr Percival and I have enjoyed our visits to the houses in the past fortnight. Thank you for your participation. For those parents and students who were unable to attend, Mr Percival recorded the presentation we did to some parents last week, which you can view on this [link](#).
- As discussed, the key points from this presentation now are about taking action. There's plenty of support available in school, not least with the HE Fair next month (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023), but it is important as young adults you take on board some of the suggestions that were made about steps to be taking this term.
- A key action is to identify and being working on a MOOC. There are literally hundreds to choose from and they will boost your future application forms.
- An area discussed was the amazing work experience opportunities we have available. We've started to put details of these in Quod, and most are advertised on this school intranet [page](#).
- Advanced notice that on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> February, each boarding house has been allocated a slot during societies hour for a presentation, followed by a CV workshop. This is in advance of the mock assessment centre morning on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, where **you will be required** to submit your CV in advance of a face to face interview, amongst other activities. Further information to follow, we will also provide further information on the HE Fair, and some details of Restart gap year opportunities. Attendance is compulsory.

### Fifth Form:

- This Saturday is a great opportunity for you to find out more about your A Level choices next year, both Mr Boyes and I will be on hand for any queries.
- Please ensure you take on board the advice regarding logging your work placements on Unifrog – the coach weekend is a great opportunity to get these finalized, ready for the summer.
- Additionally, advanced notice that on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March, during societies hour each house has been allocated a slot to meet at least three different employers to learn about a range of different jobs. Further details to follow.

### In the news:

- A part of my job I particularly enjoy is trying to keep up to date with work patterns and trends. OS Oliver Pickup writes regularly on the 'Future of Work' and I particularly enjoyed reading this [article](#) on the topic of flexible working.
- Talking of flexible working, I wrote in a previous bulletin about the move some companies are making towards a four-day working week. There's c70 companies in the UK in the midst of piloting this, with the results looking [encouraging](#), with just this week a suggestion made that public service workers in Wales should follow [suit](#).

Best wishes,

Mr Wain