



Alsager Sixth Form College Newsletter

Date 4th May

Dear Students and Parents/Carers

We hope that you and all your families are safe and well.

This is our second edition of our fortnightly Sixth Form Newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to keep all current Yr11, Yr12 and Yr13 students as well as parents/carers up to date with what support, work and Sixth Form specific information that is currently available. It will be emailed to all students and parents as well as being uploaded to our School website.

Results days

To confirm that

A level results will be awarded on 13/8/20

The sixth form team will be available to support and guide all students to secure their university place, college place or next step of their chosen career.

GCSE results will be awarded on 20/8/20

Again, the sixth form team will be available to support all students to secure a suitable pathway with our Sixth Form as well as post exam help and guide dance.

Contact from form tutors

As part of our pastoral care all form tutors will be contacting their students to support them with their workload, career choices and general well-being beginning in the next two weeks.

Yr 13 Accepting courses at University

At the start of the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Government asked Universities to stop making unconditional offers or amending existing offers. This was to stop students feeling pressurised to accept these offers over others that might be better suited to you. Our advice to students who have received an unconditional offer is always to consider whether this is the right provider and course for you, before you make any decision. The deadline for Universities to reply to University applicants has been extended by two weeks to

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- 20 May 2020 – if you sent your application by 15 January 2020.
- 13 July 2020 – if you sent your application by 30 June 2020.

As always, the sixth form team is available to advise and support you through this system especially if you need help to chase up information. The current information on accepting offers is as follows.

- If you receive your last decision on or before **4 June 2020**, your reply date is **18 June 2020** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).
- If you receive your last decision on or before **13 July 2020**, your reply date is **20 July 2020** (including Extra choices)

These are the types of reply you can make.

Firm acceptance – this is your first choice. If it's an unconditional offer, the place is yours! So that course provider will expect you as their student. Or if it's conditional, the place is yours if you meet the offer conditions. So just in case you don't, you can pick a second offer as a backup – your insurance acceptance.

Insurance acceptance – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance. If you're choosing an insurance, go for something with lower offer conditions – make sure it's somewhere you'd still be happy to go to though. That way, if your results are lower than expected, you might still meet the conditions at your insurance choice; then you'd have your place confirmed there.

Remember, you'll only attend your insurance choice course if you don't meet the conditions of your firm choice, but you do meet the conditions of your insurance. You can't choose between your firm and insurance when you get your results, so make sure you're happy with which is your firm, and which is your insurance before you reply.

Decline – you'll need to decline any other offers you get.

However, if you decide you don't want to accept any of the offers, you can decline them all and add more courses in our Extra service. Alternatively, you can see what courses still have vacancies later on in our Clearing service.

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Please note: You can only accept one firm choice and one insurance choice. You must decline all other offers

Careers interviews for Yr 12 and Yr 13

Phone Interviews are available to talk to a careers advisor if you need help with making decisions on what direction to choose. After the interview a Careers Action plan will be drawn up and sent to your school email. Please contact Miss Rowlands about this and she will arrange a convenient slot where the careers advisor will ring you.

Year 12

Staff will be continuing to email work to students each day in a way that mimics their usual Sixth Form timetable. Student response to this work has been very positive, if any problems do occur please email me and I will chase the issue up.

UCAS application

At this time of year students are normally researching University choices and planning University open day visits. To support this process UCAS and most universities have developed a research pack that provide guidance to students and parents about the application process as well as offering links to virtual University open days, please follow this link to access the resources.

<https://www.ucas.com/advisers/toolkits/pre-application-toolkit>

Using the above link students should be working through the following presentations

- What are my options
- Making the right choice
- Applying through UCAS

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Oxbridge Application

A former student and recent Oxford graduate has offered to help students with any queries about the Oxbridge application process, interview and University life.

Application for Medicine

It is clearly impossible to gain experience of any aspect of Medicine with the current restrictions in place. So, to work round this situation the Royal College of General Practitioners have set up an interactive platform to observe the workings of a health team. Copy the link below and go to the bottom of the page to register to access the resources.

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/training-exams/discover-general-practice/observe-gp.aspx>

Yr 11 to Yr 12 Option choices

The sixth form office is currently sending out confirmation of option choices and the required grades. This process should be complete by Friday 8th May.

Current Yr 11 to Yr 12 Summer Progression

To support Year 11 students over the summer we have made resources available to help students prepare for their new subjects in Year 12. All subject areas are covered and a student log book is available to record progression through the resources. A parent guide is also available to explain resources. Students are free to choose subjects and areas that interest them and then record their experiences and learning via the student log.

Our aim is for students to share this work with their new form Sixth Form tutors when Year 12 re-starts. The work can be accessed by logging onto the school network using office 365. Then access share point and click on Sixth Form Learning on the side menu. Once in the Sixth Form area click on Sixth Form Documents and that will take you to the Yr11 folder containing all the files.

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The areas covered are

Creative and Performing Arts

English, Media and MFL

IT, Computer Science and Business

Science, Maths and Engineering

Social Sciences and Humanities

Sports

Message from the Sixth Form Student Leadership.

Hi everyone!

We know it's really difficult at the moment, but we just wanted to check in with you all and share a few little tips that we thought of as a team.

Staying at home is a great time to take up a new hobby, learn a new skill, read a book or learn to cook!

Year 11's - if you get chance it would be really useful to do a bit of reading around your chosen Sixth Form or College courses. That can be reading more about what's in the course to watching YouTube videos on how other people have or are finding it. We'll be coming up with our personal 'top tips for sixth form' video soon as well!

Year 12's – we know it must be really difficult for you all, but the summer is always a great time to think about what you want to do after Sixth Form. Watch videos of people doing a uni course you're interested in or visit uni's websites, also don't forget there's other options like Degree Level Apprenticeships rather than just University. Take the time to do some wider reading or watch other opinions on the chosen subject.

Year 13's – great opportunity to get ready for whatever you're doing next. Read around your subject, think about what you might need. One skill some of our team are attempting to conquer is cooking! Now

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could be a great time to learn some basics! There are loads on the internet about making the most for your money or recipes from leftover ingredients. Also, for year 13, we are looking with the Sixth Form Team at ways we can (when it's safe) have some form of get together or celebration but the where's, when's and how's are still very unknown!

We know it's likely a challenging, worrying and even boring time for many of you but make sure to use this time to do things you might not normally have had time to do.

Stay safe

Sixth Form Leadership Team

If you have any further questions, please email any member of the Sixth Form Team. All contact details are available at the bottom of the page. The Sixth Form Team is always there to support our students with advice and guidance. We are confident that as we go through these uncertain and difficult times that we can continue to support all our students so that when we do return, they are prepared effectively for their studies.

Kind regards

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