



Alsager Sixth Form College Newsletter

Date 18th May

Dear Students and Parents/Carers

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

This is our third 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.

Contact From Form Tutors for Year 12 and Year 13

Form tutors are working hard to contact all their form members to support them with their workload, career choices and general wellbeing. It has been great to hear the positivity from students adapting to the challenge of working from home. So many of our students are in a positive routine of completing set work and communicating with subject staff.

Careers Interviews for Year 12 and Year 13

Phone Interviews continue to be 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

Progression into Year 13

Under normal circumstances Year 12 would have completed their internal progression exams now and if they achieved an E grade or above, they would be able to continue to study the subject in Year 13. If a student achieved a U grade, they would be given the opportunity to resit the exam to improve their grade to an E. Those resit exams would normally happen straight after half term. Obviously, these exams can't take place, so the School is taking all students' Year 12 AP2 grades as their indicator for each subject to progress

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onto Year 13. With this in mind and following all Government advice ensuring that no student should be disadvantaged by the Coronavirus, if a student failed to achieve an E or above at Year 12 AP2 and they still want to carry on with the subject, they will be given the opportunity to sit an exam in which they need to achieve an E grade to continue with the subject in Year 13. If you require any more explanation or support about this, please contact Mr Evans.

UCAS Application and Personal Statement Writing

Students are receiving lots of information and support from Miss Rowlands and Universities about different course choices and virtual open days. This is to allow them to begin to select courses and suitable institutions that they would want to apply to in year 13.

Remember that students have five choices and we recommend that their choices are made up of one ambitious, three realistic and one insurance choice. To support this process further, after half term we will be focusing on completing student personal statements. All students will receive a step by step guide to this process as well as being supported by the form tutors and the Sixth form team who are always available to proofread and offer guidance.

We do know that not all students will go to University but the process of writing a personal statement is an important activity and the finished document can be used for job applications, College course interviews and a covering letter to support a CV.

University and UCAS support from Liverpool John Moores University

Chat for students from Staffordshire

Students can chat online to member of the LJMU Outreach team to ask any questions about LJMU, applying to university and what it is like in Liverpool

Friday 5th June – 11am-12pm

<https://meetandengage.com/ak9wqomxb>

Unitaterdays Webinar – Tuesday 19th May 12pm-1pm

Unitasterdays webinar and will discuss tips for personal statements. Students can register via the link below.

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https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FjCvHEtrTBW-FBCXPpdvCA

Engineering Virtual UCAS Fair – Wednesday 20th June 10am-6pm

UCAS are trailing their first virtual fair. This is specialising in Engineering and Computing with a small sample of universities. Follow the link to register

<https://hes32-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fucas.online%2devent.co%2fregistration%2fucas%2d4&umid=c0b9645a-ee1d-4fc6-a8b1-ecf926fbb2d9&auth=768f192bba830b801fed4f40fb360f4d1374fa7c-41b01830c8893cd658518e0e722c0b3f4db9c60b>

Oxbridge Application

Thank you to all students who sent in questions to our Oxford graduate. He is preparing responses to them all and will feedback after half term.

Application for Medicine

Following on from the Royal College of Practitioners interactive platform for virtual work experience, Brighton and Sussex Medical School have set up a free 8 module online programme to help medics gain an insight into various aspects of medicine. Use the link below to sign up

<https://bsmsoutreach.thinkific.com/courses/VWE>

We also have a former student who is currently studying Medicine and she is happy to answer questions relating to Medicine Applications if students send them to Mrs Pole.

Student Leadership Team Applications

We are really pleased with the response to the Student Leadership Team Posts. To clarify, the applications will close 2 weeks after we have returned to school but students can send them to Mrs Pole as soon as they have completed them and we will keep them all on file until we are able to conduct interviews.

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Year 12 Applications

Letters have now gone out to all Year 11 applicants, both internal and external. If you still want to apply to Alsager Sixth Form College, please contact Miss Rowlands or Mr Evans and we can discuss your options and possible subject choices.

Current Year 11 to Year 12 Summer Progression as well as Year 13 Post 18 Preparation

New resources have been added to the Sixth Form Learning area on Office 365 (accessed by your student school login). We have the new resources under the heading "New Challenges." The areas covered are:

Art	Biology
Chemistry	Design and Technology
Drama	Economics
German	History
IT	English
French	Maths
Music	Physics
Politics	Philosophy and Theology

In addition to these tasks you can access online courses offered by **Eton College**. They cover
Critical Thinking
Verbal communication course
Writing skills
Courses start every Monday and they can be accessed at

Creative problem solving
Public speaking
Making and impact

<https://etonx.com/fast-track/>

Coming Soon!

Keep an eye on the school website for a short video of hints and tips for settling into Year 12 by our current Student 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

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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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