

## Sixth Form Weekly Update – September 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

Good afternoon everybody.

We hope that you are well and have had a positive week.

### Importance of Independent Study

It is vital that all sixth form students are completing an appropriate amount of independent study away from the college. As a guide we would expect students to be studying 3-4 hours per week for each subject. This should ensure all homework is completed and that further reading and consolidation is taking place.

All students will be sitting mock and/or formal external exams over the next few months, and commitment to independent study will go a long way to ensuring success in these assessments. We are asking for parental support in ensuring that students are committing as suggested.

Below is a reminder of subject contact details should you have any specific queries.

### Subject Contacts

Subject	Subject Leader	Email
Art / Fashion	Mrs K Stephens	stephensk@beck.uk.com
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History	Mrs C Howarth	howarthc@beck.uk.com
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Media	Mr C Tench	tenchc@beck.uk.com
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PE / Sport	Mr P Stirling	stirlingp@beck.uk.com
Sciences	Mrs F McConvery	mcconveryf@beck.uk.com

### SEN Updates

We are currently working to ensure the specific needs of our SEN students will be addressed. This week we have appointed Ms Phillips to work in sixth form as our SEN mentor/coordinator. She can be emailed at [phillipsj@beck.uk.com](mailto:phillipsj@beck.uk.com). We plan to hold one to one meetings with students at the earliest opportunity. This will help us to personalise the provision for each student. Any general queries can be emailed to SENCO, Mrs Browne at [brownj@beck.uk.com](mailto:brownj@beck.uk.com).

### Punctuality

It is vital that students are in college before lessons begin. We have noticed that a small number of students are arriving late to lessons. This has a detrimental effect on the entire

class as it causes disruption and affects the lesson pace. Thank you for your support in ensuring this will not happen moving forward.

### **Covid Protocol**

If any family member displays Covid symptoms, the entire household must immediately isolate and a book a test. Please ensure that you are familiar with the Covid protocols outlined on the link below to ensure the health and safety of everybody on site.

<https://www.archbishopbeck.com/docs/Letters/2020-WhatToDoIfSomeoneHasSymptomsOfCovid19.pdf>

### **Face Coverings**

It is compulsory that all students have a face covering in college at all times. The wearing of face coverings is now compulsory in all indoor communal areas of the college site including corridors.

### **CISI – Launch event Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

The Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI) has been delivering a financial services education programme for the last seven years with over 150 students taking part across nine schools in the area. Ten students have successfully gained their first role in the profession since completing the programme.

The programme is aimed at sixth-form students over a two-year period:

<b>Programme Year One</b>	November 2020 to June 2021	Students take part in online study sessions to complete the CISI Level 2 Fundamentals of Financial Services qualification
<b>Programme Year Two</b>	October 2021 to March 2022	Students take part in a series of monthly online employability workshops to develop the skills and tools to prepare for their first role in the profession

There will be an online launch event via Microsoft Teams on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 between 4:30pm and 5:30pm** where students and parents can find out more about the programme and hear from professionals and past graduates. Students will then be able to formally apply for a place on the programme. Yr12 students can [register their interest to attend the launch event on 28<sup>th</sup>](#). Once a student has registered their interest, they will receive a link to the event.

The course will be promoted in college with a specific focus on Business and Maths students.

### **Pathways to Law**

There will be an online programme launch on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. This programme is aimed at students hoping to pursue a career in Law. If you are interested please sign up with Mrs Gibson or email [gibsonc@beck.uk.com](mailto:gibsonc@beck.uk.com).

## **Dream Bigger Programme**

We have an exciting opportunity offered by Nat West Bank to assist in building transferable skills and confidence in preparation for the working world and the world of commerce and in particular starting your own business.

The programme will take place on Wednesday afternoons (dates to be confirmed) and each digitally transmitted session will last for one hour. The sessions are as follows:-

### **Session 1: Introduction to Entrepreneurship**

In this session participants will learn about the skills and qualities required to become a n entrepreneur. By the end of the session, students will have a deeper understanding of what entrepreneurship means, the impact this has on society, key skills and behaviours and how to utilise these and how they support the world of future work

### **Session 2: Developing an Entrepreneurial Mindset**

This session builds on the first skills focussing on the significance of mindset and how this impact on our performance. It examines the concept of growth and fixed mindset and developing the tools of adopting a growth mindset and building resilience.

### **Session 3: Defining Entrepreneurial Purpose**

The programme concludes with a session addressing purpose in a business concept, how this can impact the individual, how a deep understanding of this understanding this impacts decision making and how self-awareness can help to prepare for the world of work.

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to work in the world of commerce, or start their own business. It also helps to build self-awareness and is invaluable in bridging the gap between the world of education and work. If you are interested please sign up with Mrs Gibson or email [gibsonc@beck.uk.com](mailto:gibsonc@beck.uk.com).

## **Important - Oxbridge / Medicine / Veterinary Applications – Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> October**

15 October 2020 for 2021 entry at 18:00 (UK time) – any course at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. You can add choices with a different deadline later, but don't forget you can only have five choices in total.

## **Important - UCAS deadlines approaching**

An important reminder to all year 13 students that the internal UCAS deadline is Friday 24th October. Support and guidance is available on-site, and students are encouraged to use the vast range of website support resources available on the college website on the attached link <https://www.archbishopbeck.com/sixthform5.php>.

## **Personal Statement Support**

We will be delivering a series of sessions to support you in writing your personal statement. These half hour sessions will start at 8.15 prompt, and will take place in ICT4. Places are limited. To book your place, please book in with Carolyn either personally or by email stating your preferred session. Next week's sessions will be as follows:-

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September – 8.15am
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September - 8.15am

A Google Classroom called **UCAS personal statements has been created** and last week's slides have been added. The classroom code is **raxl6bz**

## **General queries**

Please keep in touch with any questions you may have. Email me ([lynchp@beck.uk.com](mailto:lynchp@beck.uk.com)) or Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Noel-Mulhaney ([Noel-Mulhaneys@beck.uk.com](mailto:Noel-Mulhaneys@beck.uk.com)) with any specific sixth form queries.

Thank you once again for your support and have a wonderful weekend.

Stay safe.

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