

Sixth Form Weekly Update – 23rd October 2020

Good afternoon everybody. We hope that you are well and have had a good week.

A well-deserved half term break

A big thank you on behalf of the sixth form team for the fantastic support offered from students, parents and carers during the past few months. It has certainly been the most challenging period we have been through. Students have settled extremely well into their individual study programmes, with most showing maturity well beyond their years. The students have been a real credit to the college.

Assessment Period One Reminder

Sixth Form Assessment Period One has been postponed and will now take place week beginning Monday 2nd November. This is due to the large number of students isolating in the run up to the originally scheduled date.

In assessment period one all students will undertake a classroom based mock exam/assessment. The aim of this assessment is to monitor progress made and to inform intervention and support decisions moving forward.

UPDATE – We are also looking to reschedule the final two assessment periods to ensure a more informative process takes place. New dates are likely to be:

Assessment Period One – Week commencing 2nd November '20

Assessment Period Two – Week commencing 1st February '21

Assessment Period Three – Week commencing 12th April '21

Resit English and maths

Please see the table below for confirmed GCSE English and maths dates for after the half term break. For any specific queries linked to these exams please email noel-mulhaneys@beck.uk.com.

Monday 2 nd November	English 1	9:00-10:45
Tuesday 3 rd November	Maths 1	9:00-10:30
Wednesday 4 th November	English 2	9:00-10:45
Thursday 5 th November	Maths 2	9:00-10:30
Monday 9 th November	Maths 3	9:00-10:30

Important – Internal UCAS deadline today (23rd October)

An important reminder to all year 13 students that the internal UCAS deadline is Friday 23rd 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> . The UCAS Application Guide must be used to register and support completion of the application.

The deadline is for students to complete their final draft and to 'pay and send' their application to the sixth form team. At this point references and predicted grades can be added.

PLEASE NOTE that applications do not go to UCAS until approved and sent by the sixth form team – this is likely to be from November onwards.

Personal Statement Support

The following websites offer superb support and guidance with all matters university, especially personal statement examples.

<https://universitycompare.com/personal-statement-examples/>

<http://purepotential.org/>

Dream Bigger – Nat West Bank (Excellent addition to UCAS / CV)

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 (November 11th, 18th, 25th), 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 an entrepreneur.

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 by emailing Mrs Higgins on higginsm@beck.uk.com.

Careers Wednesdays

On a Wednesday we will be hosting online careers talks with local professionals in a variety of different career pathways. These talks are hosted by careers advisor, Antony Stagg. The sessions begin at 9am and run for approximately 45 minutes. Students must sign up for any sessions with Mrs Gibson in the sixth form office.

Wednesday 21st October – Accountancy – *postponed - new date will be scheduled.*

Wednesday 4th November - Apprenticeships

Wednesday 11th November - Alder Hey Child Nursing

Wednesday 18th November – Biomedical Sciences

Reporting student absence

Can we please request that all absences are reported to the sixth form team in college by 9am on the day of the absence. Please contact by telephone on 0151 525 6326 or email gibsonc@beck.uk.com. It is important that our systems are up to date to enable us the best support students isolating with home based content. Your support on this issue is much appreciated.

General queries

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

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

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