



22nd October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may be aware, we held the first Information Evening of the school year on Tuesday 19th October for Year 12 and Year 13 students' parents. In order to summarise what was presented and ensure the messages from this meeting are shared, we wanted to put some of the information into a letter.

- ***Please note the important dates and times of PPEs on pages 3 & 4 of this letter.***
- ***Key information on each exam, and revision homework set, is included after this.***



The Sixth Form team for 2021-22 are:

Mrs Pyrke Head of Year 12 (also Head of Business and Computing)

Miss Moody Head of Year 13 (also Second-in-charge of English)

Mrs Hamilton Careers Advisor

Our expectations of students in Sixth Form:

- Try their best in all lessons and, also, in managing their own independent study.
- Stick to any deadlines for work set. If students are unsure of a task, they should not wait until the day it is due in to ask for support.
- Students must understand they are role models now within the school and behave in a way that they are proud of.
- Study time should be used to complete work, there is no excuse for missing deadlines or not putting effort into work.
- Personal Development/Enrichment lessons must be attended.
- Always be on time to school and lessons, if not we will take privileges away.

The school day – 2021-22:

Period	Start Time	End Time
1	8:50	09:45
2	09:45	10:40
BREAK	10:40	11:00
3	11:00	11:55
4	11:55	12:50
LUNCH	12:50	13:25
5	13:25	14:20
6	14:20	15:15
OSL	15:15	16:00



A reminder of the dress code:

- It is the student's responsibility to dress appropriately.
- Everyone should be in **smart business dress** whilst on school site.
- Banned items include trainers, hoodies/branded jumpers.
- Students need to have a sensible school bag that can hold all of the folders and books they use.

Curriculum and study

All students in the Sixth Form are completing BTEC courses. This will mean they need to do a combination of exams and coursework (exam dates below). There is a clear expectation that students will complete work outside of the lesson during their study periods and for homework; this should ensure that all deadlines for work are met and revision for exams is completed thoroughly.

If there are any questions about what to study or what the requirements for coursework or exams are, then students must take responsibility themselves to ask their teachers.

We will instigate a supervised study strategy if students do not meet deadlines or fall behind with work.

Show-My-Homework (Satchel-One) and TEAMS

Over half term, class Teams groups will 'go live'. We have asked all Sixth Form teachers to place independent study work, homework and revision tasks in the Teams group page, ensuring it is clearly labelled.

There should be checklists of what needs to be completed and clear deadlines in place. Students need to be proactive at checking these sites and looking for work which has been set.

PPEs – Pre-public exams

Year 13s – November 2021

Start Times	Mon 1 st	Tues 2 nd	Wed 3 rd	Thurs 4 th	Fri 5 th
9am				Sports Studies Unit 2 (2 hours 30 mins) In HF7	
11am		Health & Social Care Unit 2 (1 hour 30 mins) In the main hall	Finance Unit 3 (1 hour 45 mins) In the main hall		
Start Times	Mon 8 th	Tues 9 th	Wed 10 th	Thurs 11 th	Fri 12 th
9am		Business Studies Unit 2 (3 hours) In HF5		Sports Studies Unit 22 (3 hours) In HF5	
11am	Psychology Paper 1 (1 hour 30 mins) In the main hall				Psychology Paper 2 (2 hours) In the main hall

Expectations of subject-specific exams

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE – Care Unit 2 11am Tuesday 2nd November (1 hour 30 minutes) HALL
Working in Health and Social Care

Revision homework set:

- A revision pack will be set, with screen grabs of sections of the revision guide for Unit 2 with tasks and example questions to complete.
- Students will be asked to email Miss Carwardine on the Wednesday, Friday and Monday, with their progress.

FINANCE – Unit 3 11am Wednesday 3rd November (1 hour 45 minutes) HALL

Revision homework set:

- Students need to use their own notes, revision guides they have created and the textbook to revise the key themes from the book so that they are confident to complete the exam.

- Students have been given a booklet of practice exam questions and the mark scheme to so they can test themselves and improve their exam skills.
- Students have been asked to email any questions they have to Mrs Pyrke.

SPORTS STUDIES (Single) – Unit 2 9am Thursday 4th November (2 hours 30 minutes) HF7
Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Wellbeing

Revision homework set:

Case Study (Part A) – allowed 4 A4 pages of notes to take into the exam with them.

Focused on: *Lifestyle factors, screening information, lifestyle modifications, nutritional guidance, variety of training methods, training programme design and justification.*

- Create the exam notes using their exercise books, PowerPoints from lessons and their own research.
- Due on Tuesday 2nd November – allows time to re-do/improve the exam notes, if needed.

SPORTS STUDIES (Double) – Unit 22 9am Thursday 11th November (3 hours) HF5
Investigating Business in Sport and the Active Leisure Industry

Revision homework set:

Case Study (Part A) - allowed 4 A4 pages of notes to take into the exam with them, all focused on: *Business Operations, Staffing Structures, Financial Records, Facilities, Products and Services, Demographics, SWOT Analysis, Trends, Customer Groups.*

- Create the exam notes using their exercise books, PowerPoints from lessons and their own research on **CrossFit Gyms**.
- Due on Tuesday 2nd November – allows time to re-do/improve the exam notes, if needed.

PSYCHOLOGY – Paper 1 11am Monday 8th November (1 hour 30 minutes) HALL
Unit 1 – Psychological Approaches and Applications

Revision homework set:

- This will be set over half-term by Mrs Mulock via Teams – it is important the teams class pages are checked.

BUSINESS STUDIES – Unit 2 9am Tuesday 9th November (1 hour 30 minutes) HF1
Developing a Marketing Campaign

Revision homework set:

- Complete notes that can be taken into the exam. Students need to use the template for answering the controlled assessment to make detailed notes on the given business. Students need to research the competition, different products sold and the prices of products on offer.
- Students have been asked to email any questions they have to Mrs Pyrke.

PSYCHOLOGY – Paper 2 11am Friday 12th November (2 hours) HALL
Unit 3 – Health Psychology

Revision homework set:

- Revision homework set: Health Psychology revision, model answers and exam-style questions, P30-37, P66-73, p104-111
- Quizzes to complete - <https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference/revision-quizzes>

YEAR 13 EXTERNAL EXAMS (formal assessments set by the examination board)

Subject	Exam Window
Business	Unit 2 – January
Finance	Unit 3 – January Unit 4 - June
Psychology	Unit 3 - January
Sport	Unit 2 – January Unit 22 – January
Health and Social Care	Unit 4 - January

Careers Advice

All students can meet with our Careers Advisor, Jeanette Hamilton. She oversees careers guidance in the school and creates opportunities for employee engagement. There are opportunities in Sixth for work experience and shadowing in work placements. Where able, we will look to organise visits to Higher Education establishments; though, we do recommend that any opportunity to visit these privately is taken.

There will be opportunity to explore employability skills through interviews and workshops. We are also looking to participate in both virtual careers fairs and those put on in the local area; we will hope to arrange trips to these so all students can benefit from information and resources shared at these events.

Destinations and after Sixth Form

Through Year 13, we will discuss UCAS applications and prepare students to complete these; there will be support with writing personal statements and guidance on best practice for completing applications.

As a school, we use the destination platform, Unifrog.

The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are appropriately geared towards guiding sixth form student. Each student has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations.

It is highly recommended that Year 12 and 13 students access this site, whilst also visiting **universities** for the open days in order to reach a well-informed conclusion for their future destinations.

We can also support with searches for **apprenticeships or employment**, offering advice on CV writing and a best fit for skills areas.

Bursary

- Sixth Form students are entitled to apply for a Bursary Fund if they are in need of financial support.
- They must be over 16 to apply for the Bursary.
- Students will be entitled to claim this until you leave the school.
- All bursaries will be assessed on actual financial need and awarded at the discretion of the school.
- This can be used to buy supplies, clothing, travel or anything that is needed by the student.
- If you want to discuss this further, please email.

Personal and Professional Skills

We also offer the chance for students to develop their personal and professional skills through the Futures Programme, as well as the Student Leadership opportunities we have. These include: Lead Ambassador and Student Ambassador roles / Charity Fundraisers / Events Co-ordinators / Subject Ambassadors / Behaviour management support through roaming duties – acting as mentors to the lower year groups / Oracy Development – debating and publish speaking with Mr Prebble.



As a Sixth Form team, we hope the students know we are there to support them with each stage and area of their time in The Holmesdale School Sixth Form. Please do contact us if you have any further questions or queries.

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