Year 13 letter

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to wish our students and their families a very happy Easter and Eid Mubarak to our Muslim families. Please find below a summary of our half term and plans for our Year 13 students’ final half term before study leave commences!

The next parent council meeting will take place on 30th April 4-5.30pm (rearranged from 27th March). All are welcome. Please email baasixthform@bluecoat.uk.com to let us know if you are planning to join us.

Kind regards,

Ms A Wood

Preparing for post 18

We have been focused during tutor period this half term on readying our students for leaving us! With session on budgeting and information how to apply for student finance. We have also renewed our focus on higher and degree apprenticeships as an attractive alternative to university, with one of our own most experienced year 13 students leading a session for his peers on the process of looking for and applying to apprenticeships.

Mock exams

Mock exams have now been sat and results were updated on Go4Schools on 121st March. Projected grades are a reflection of all mock exam data, with an emphasis placed on the most recent mock exam results, and should give as close an indication as possible of how students are likely to perform in their summer exams.

Subject specialist RAP (raising attainment and progress)

Guided revision continues to be offered two mornings a week, with subject specialist RAP delivered by subject teachers on Wednesday and Thursday morning 8.30-9am. With only a few weeks left, students should make every effort to be on time for these.

Attendance and punctuality

There is nothing more important in the final weeks of term than attendance. Teachers are planning focused sessions, covering final pieces of content and refining exam technique. We have been perplexed this half term to see that attendance has fallen to its lowest this year so far. Attendance is directly linked to outcomes, so it really is vital that we work together to get our students in lessons.

Dress code

The weather is going to start warming up! A reminder that we have do have a dress code and students may be required to return home to change if they are not adhering to this code.

* Flip flops or sliders are not to be worn for health and safety reasons
* Tops must cover the midriff (stomach area)
* Trousers/jogging bottoms or jeans must be worn pulled up to cover underwear.
* Shorts, dresses and skirts to be no shorter than mid-thigh
* Hats and coats to be removed in class
* Lanyards to be worn at all time

Rewards

Students with the highest number of positive credits were celebrated this half term with vouchers. Spring 1’s rewards will be invited to attend a rewards trip early next half term.

A reminder that students lose credits for lateness to lessons, not attending homework club sessions and will not be invited to share in our rewards programme if they have an unserved detention for missing 2 x morning registration sessions or truanting our Friday tutor period.

RSHE and Careers and Employability

We continue with our programme of readying students for life after sixth form, with information on results day and clearing, student life, and diversity in the workplace.

Exams

Our first A Level exam starts on 14th May. We will write separately to students and families about exam procedures and expectations.

Final farewells

On Friday 24th May, we will say goodbye to all our students during their tutor period beginning at 11.30am. There will be no lessons after this as students then embark on study leave. Our evening leavers’ celebrations will be held that same evening on 24th May. More details to follow.