MOVING FROM

KEY STAGE 4 TO KEY STAGE 5

OCTOBER 2021

Welcome

Range Sixth Form is delighted to welcome you and your son/daughter, to the next exciting phase of their education.

We are disappointed not to be able to deliver this presentation in person. We hope, however, that you will find this and the parent/carers' guide to Sixth Form, useful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on:

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Sixth Form Team

Mrs. Donovan: Sixth Form Admin

Support Officer

Mr Cregeen: Assistant Head

(Y12 support)

Dr Ainsworth: Assistant Headteacher

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Sixth Form Team

Tutors

Mrs. McGugan 6JMU Ms Gooding 6RG Mr. Leddy/Mrs Williams 6SL/CW Mrs. Bridge 6CBR Mrs. Williams/Mrs Stewart 6JJW/JMS Mrs. McGregor 6JMG Ms Hillman 6SHN Mr Martin/Mr Tees 6SM/CTE

Current arrangements

- Supervised private study is in operation Monday to Thursday periods 1, 2 and 3. Students are not currently required to attend supervised private study period 1 but can choose to do so. Supervised private study or pre-arranged work within subject areas, is compulsory periods 2 and 3.
- Students are expected to check school emails, ClassCharts and Google Classrooms, (if appropriate), on a daily basis.
- Morning registration is not required for sixth form students, but pre-arranged tutorials in this time are compulsory, (see parent/carers' guide).

Current arrangements

 Students can leave the premises from lunchtime onwards and return to school for lessons as required. If they do so, they need to ensure from a health and safety perspective, that they sign in and out each time, using the sheets available on entrance to the Sixth Form Building.

 Students who feel unwell must ensure that they sign out of school with the school nurse before leaving the premises.

Key features of Sixth Form contract

- Paid work is beneficial for students. It can help them to develop skills required to enhance their profile. However, in order to ensure that students have the time needed to devote to their studies, we recommend no more than 12 hours paid work per week.
- Students are required to supply themselves with folders and dividers to help with their organisation in each subject area.
- Students' place in the Sixth Form is for one year only in the first instance – with guaranteed progression into Year 13 subject to internal examination results and BTEC external examination results, in line with expected grades and at least 90% attendance at lessons in all subject areas

Supporting independent learning

- Students can access the Sixth Form section of the school portal. This will take them to details of independent study material in their subject areas.
- Study skills' sessions take place at various times during students' two years in Sixth Form, including an initial focus in one of the sessions on the first day back in September and in PSHE sessions
- A wider reading booklet is on the school website under Sixth Form to support students' independent study.

Supporting independent learning

Compulsory one-to-one and small group tutorials are arranged for students by their form tutors. Both you and the students will be informed when and where these sessions are taking place.

Supporting independent learning

The academic management system has been revised in the light of student feedback – a copy was issued with the Sixth Form starter pack.

Enhancement

- It is important that students engage in opportunities inside and outside school to help enhance their profiles.
- Students need to consider ways in which they can enhance their skill profile including developing for example, communication, leadership and team work skills
- The above will support job and university applications.

Enhancement Opportunities within school

We are hoping to be able to make the following opportunities, available to students to support their "profile building":

- Volunteering within school in lessons and with tutor groups
- Peer mentoring
- Subject ambassadors
- Student and staff run clubs and societies
- D of E Award Scheme
- Sports Leaders, Creative Council, Number and Literacy buddies

Academic enhancement

 EPQ qualification – Ms Gooding has held an initial meeting for interested students.

GCSE English and Maths resit opportunities

Careers and Employability

If circumstances allow, these are some of the opportunities we hope to put in place to support students as they consider their next steps:

- Early evening "Careers Insight" sessions throughout the year with a focus on different employment sectors
- Work experience
- Careers Days
- Opportunities such as Higher Education Day at Liverpool University

Student handbook

 Students have been signposted to the Sixth Form Student Handbook. This contains a summary of all the key information Year 12 students require.

 Please take time to read it. It is on the school website – SIXTH FORM tab and then SIXTH FORM.

Tracking student progress

- Minimum expected grades will be provided to students over the next few weeks based on GCSE average point score.
- Tutorials will take place to support student progress.
- Data cards will be issued 3 times a year for students in Year 12 – one in each term; detailing estimated grades in relation to minimum expected grades.
- Mock exams will take place in June.

Supporting students' mental health and wellbeing

- Students are able to access support from tutors and Mr Cregeen. Dr Ainsworth is also available in her office at tutor time in the morning to meet with students on a "drop-in" basis.
- Lynn Gaskell is our dedicated, expert Sixth Form Wellbeing Practitioner. She can arrange to meet with students on a one-to-one or small group basis and will support students with small group sessions linked to sleep difficulties, exam anxiety, stress management, confidence building and self-esteem.
- Students can email Lynn directly on lg@range.sefton.sch.uk if they feel they would benefit from a "drop-in" appointment.

Your support

- Please encourage students to spend 3-4 hours a day in additional study. Students should match an hour's lesson with an hour's independent study.
- Please encourage students to read around their subjects. A levels and BTECs are more than just homework. A wider reading list is available on the school website under "Sixth Form".
- Please provide the right environment for study at home.

Your support

- Please contact school as soon as possible if there are worries or concerns however small.
- Please contact school as soon as you are able, if your son/daughter is going to be absent.
- Please respond promptly to emails home.

Working together

The jump from GCSE to A level and BTEC is a big one and it is essential that students start Year 12 with the right attitude and approach to their studies. By working together – students, families and school, we can create the right environment for success.

Working together

We have an excellent track record and were proud to be awarded SSAT **Educational Outcomes Award for being** in the top 20% of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment in 2019 KS5 exams. Your son/daughter can achieve highly in Range Sixth Form both academically and personally. We thought you might be interested to know what some of the students from the Class of 2021 have gone on to do!

Adult Nursing - John Moore's University

Civil Engineering - Newcastle University

Computer Science - Liverpool University

Criminology - Keele University

Dance - De Montfort University

Economics - Bath

University

Engineering - Durham University

Graphic and Communication - Leeds
Design University

History and Sociology - Manchester University

Medicine - Leeds University

Pharmacology - Leeds University

Psychology - Nottingham University

Quantity Surveying - Heriot-Watt University

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS IN:

JP Morgan

Merseyside Police

Parent and Carers Guide

Following a Parent Panel, where parents and carers suggested that it would be useful to have a Guide to help them to support students' transition into Sixth Form, the document available on the website was produced.

Hope you find it useful!

Finally ...

The past 18 months have been traumatic for our Year 12 students and we want you to know that we take their wellbeing seriously and are here to support them all we can in order to ensure that they achieve the results they deserve, develop the skills that they need and reach their undoubted potential. Please keep in contact with us throughout the coming 2 years.