

14 May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Some important events for Year 12 students are coming up. Please familiarise yourself with the information below so that you can discuss these with your son/daughter in anticipation.

1. Year 12 Progression Week : Monday 20 to Friday 24 May

For the final week of this term, Y12 students will be off timetable to allow them to engage with an array of different activities and workshops focusing on preparing them for life after A levels. We have secured some fantastic speakers and are offering a very diverse range of opportunities, which I hope students will endeavour to get the most from. Highlights of the week include specialist sessions run on the UCAS process, personal statement writing and apprenticeships.

We will be reminding students of the value of searching for options using **Unifrog**. All students have had an initial introduction to the search platform but we will be making greater use of its capabilities during the week so that students can continue to research their future choices. Parents, you have access to Unifrog too and strongly encourage you to login so that you can start to see the wealth of choices available. The site is very user friendly; if you have not logged in previously you can do so by visiting www.unifrog.co.uk and then entering **parentSGB** as your form code when signing up.

Following feedback from previous years, we also have incorporated sessions raising student awareness of managing personal finances, staying safe (with explicit reference to alcohol, drugs and sex) and learning to make pasta so that students will never go hungry!

On the Wednesday we will all be **visiting Bath University**. Travel is being provided from school in the morning with a prompt departure time of 9:30am. The bus will leave the University at 2:30pm arriving back at school around 2:45pm. **If you would like to give your permission to allow your son/daughter to leave directly from campus, please complete the permission slip below.** The focus of sessions here will look at study at Higher Education but also key study skills and habits for students to aid their preparation for Y12 and A level examinations.

The week comes to its completion with a well-being day. We have organised lots of different activities for students to get involved with and hope that it will be a really fun and uplifting end to the week.

I attach the full Progression Week programme for your information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

2. University Open Days

With so much future thinking, now will be the time that students may wish to attend University Open Days. Please be advised that we authorise two absences per academic year for visits. Most Universities hold their open days on weekends to ensure minimal disruption to academic studies. All details of Open Days are on the individual university website and bookings are usually essential. Please give prior notice of absences by informing Mrs. Nokes (nokesk@st-gregorys.org.uk).

3. Year 12 Examinations : Monday 17 – Friday 21 June

Exams begin on the 17th June and will last for one week. A timetable was sent out last week and the Revision Planner and Exam Guide were also shared. During exams week students are only expected to be in school for an exam. The LRC will be available daily for the purpose of silent, independent revision, should students prefer to remain on site to work. Normal dress code will apply.

Prior to exams week, there will be a dedicated in-school revision week from 10th May where lessons will focus on supporting students in the revision process and providing subject specific guidance. In addition, general sessions will be hosted for students to attend, offering more holistic advice.

A letter will be sent out next term giving more specific guidance of examination arrangements. Note that for students with concessions, the necessary arrangements will be put in place.

4. Work Experience : Monday 15 – Friday 19 July

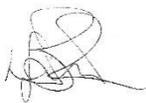
From the 15th-19th July, Year 12 students are not expected to be in school as they should be engaging in a work experience placement. We encourage students, where possible, to arrange their own placement as this process is valuable training for seeking employment in the future. If students are not sure what they want to do in the future, they should see this week as a valuable time to assess and develop their employability skills.

Mrs Catherine Parker is able to help any student that is finding it difficult to confirm a placement but they must seek her out and be proactive about getting this support. Once a placement is secured, students must complete a blue work experience form, available from the LRC, and submit this so that we have a log of where students will be during this week.

If a student is offered a placement at an alternative date, they should speak to Mr Ackland or myself to discuss whether this can be accommodated. Every effort will be made to ensure that students can access valuable work experience placements and to minimise the impact on their studies.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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Parental Consent Form

Progression Week – Trip to Bath University on Wednesday 22 May 2019

Only fill in this form if you would like to give your permission to allow your son/daughter NOT to come back to school after the trip but to leave directly from Bath University Campus.

I _____ (name of Parent/carer) give authorisation for my son/daughter
_____ (name of student) to NOT return to school AFTER the trip to Bath
University but to leave directly from the campus.

Signature of Parent/Carer _____

Date _____