

## **To the parents of Year 12 students September 2017.**

I am pleased to welcome your son into the sixth form at Lawrence Sheriff School and I hope that his time here will be a pleasurable experience and academically successful.

By now he should have settled into the routine of AS level study and be familiar with the expectations of his teachers. Initially he may find some of the work challenging as the gap between GCSE and AS level is significant but I assure you that as time progresses he will find the work more manageable. I have already outlined the importance of careful planning and good organisation to the students as these ensure that they meet deadlines and complete all the work that is required of them to reach their potential.

I expect a Year 12 student to be spending about 4 - 5 hours per subject per week completing homework tasks and reading around his subjects to secure a firm understanding of the topics he is covering in lessons. Experience tells us that students who work conscientiously from the start of their sixth form studies are successful whereas students who leave it all to the last minute are generally disappointed with their results. There are no GCE January exams so students have been advised to get a rolling revision programme started in all their subjects to prevent them having to learn such a lot of information over the Easter period to prior exams.

You will note from the key dates below that our Year 12 report arrangements consist of two parents' evenings in addition to two summary reports. We feel it is much more beneficial to discuss in detail the academic progress of sixth formers with their parents face to face. At these two consultation evenings you will have the opportunity to talk to your son's teachers about the progress he is making and what he should be doing to secure his target grades. We have chosen the timings of these parents' evenings to coincide with key points in the students' academic life. We recommend that students attend these meetings with you.

Below I have listed some key Year 12 dates for you to make a note of.

- ***Week of 25 September – settling-in tests in all subjects.***
- End of October and February – summary reports issued.
- ***Thursday 9 November 4.00/6.30pm – your first Year 12 Parents' Consultations. You will receive a letter via your son with your allocated appointment times.***
- 12/16 February 2018 - Year 12 mock exams in lessons.
- ***Thursday 15 March 4.00/6.30pm – your second Year 12 Parents' Consultations.***
- Friday 11 May – Year 12 study leave begins at 3.30pm.
- ***Monday 14 May GCE exams begin.***
- Tuesday 5 June – Year 12 lessons resume at 8.50am.
- ***Thursday 16 August – AS results available between 09.30 and 10.30 in the Sixth Form Centre.***

There are many other events scheduled for your son during the year and you will receive information about these primarily through Insight and The Weekly Word, which I trust you have signed up for.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries about any aspect of your son's work or wellbeing.

I am looking forward to another successful year and I trust your son will make the most of all the opportunities that come his way.

Mrs D Halestrap.  
Head of Sixth Form.