

Dear Students & Parents

I would like to welcome you to Mendip Sixth Form and introduce myself as the Pastoral Leader. My role is to support the tutors as they guide students through their academic journey and ensure their pastoral needs are fully met. My particular responsibility is for the day to day running of Years 12 and 13 while Mrs Ward (Senior Assistant Headteacher – Post 16) has overall responsibility as Director of Sixth Form.

We have held a Virtual Induction Tour before the summer, but we would also usually invite you to a Year 12 Parents' Information Evening next week - however this year the presentation will be recorded and sent to you via email. There will also be an opportunity for a remote Q&A; further details of this will be sent next week. This presentation will give more information about expectations for Sixth Form students and ways in which you can support your son/daughter in their Sixth Form studies.

There is an Induction Day for all Year 12 students on **Thursday 3rd September**. *There will be staff at the small pedestrian gate before the MSS entrance to help.* Tutor group allocation will be posted on notice boards in the R&D Hub (large atrium in the centre of the school) along with the room allocation for the day. Students should arrive by 8:40am. The side gate will open at 8:30am.

During the Induction Day you will be working with your new tutor and also taking part in a variety of team building, study skill and mental health awareness activities. Your day will end at 1.00pm, unless you need to speak to me about option changes, in which case you can book an appointment via Ms Grainger to meet after 1.30pm.

Term starts on Friday 4th September at 9.00am and you should go straight to your new tutor base; your tutor will confirm the room for Friday's tutor session. Please note that although there is no uniform in the Sixth Form, only a dress code which you will have received.

Please ensure that before the start of term you have ready three Lever Arch folders, a pack of file dividers for each folder and an A4 lined refill pad for each folder. Students eligible for a bursary will be able to purchase these once they have their bursary confirmed or can apply for reimbursement if items have already been purchased.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 3rd September. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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