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WELCOME!

A warm welcome to all our new and returning students! We hope that everyone has settled in well and is enjoying a positive start to their college journey. Our newsletter aims to keep parents informed and up to date with the key events, important dates and upcoming activities for the next half-term, alongside any important reminders or announcements.

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A MESSAGE FROM GSTS

Upper Sixth UCAS

Prep sessions this half term for our upper sixth will cover topics including:

*Placements and internships
*Cvs and recruitment firms
*Scholarships and bursaries
*Support available at University
*Accommodation
*Life skills and safety at University
*Positive relationships

As well as continuing to prepare for sending UCAS applications.

Upper Sixth Employment Seeking

The second half of the term is geared towards applications and networking. We will be setting up and utilising LinkedIn, completing and updating CVs and drawing up strong cover letters, as well as looking at how we promote ourselves to be stand out candidates for any role.

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Lower Sixth

Coming up in Lower 6th Prep, students will be exploring two important topics: Fundamental British Values and Positive Relationships. Through engaging discussions, interactive activities and real-life scenarios, students will develop their understanding of respect, equality, individual liberty and the importance of building healthy, positive relationships. These sessions will encourage students to reflect on their own values, celebrate differences and develop essential skills for life both inside and outside college.

Students will also have the opportunity to continue their Flick Learning journey, accessing a wide range of online training courses designed to broaden their knowledge, develop valuable transferable skills and boost their future employability. With opportunities to explore topics beyond the classroom and gain additional certificates, it's a fantastic chance for students to take ownership of their personal development and strengthen their skills for the future!

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UCAS REMINDER

The official UCAS application deadline is Wednesday 13 January. However, following the winter break, students return to college on Tuesday 5 January (with Monday 4 January being a staff CPD day). This leaves just seven college days before the national deadline. We currently have 293 students intending to apply to university.

As part of the application process, every student must book an appointment with their Guidance Support Tutor (GST) to review and submit their application. Many of these appointments take an hour or longer. Given the number of applicants and the limited time available, it would not be possible for GSTs to accommodate all appointments during the seven days available after the Christmas break.

For this reason, the college has set an internal deadline of 6 November. By this date, students are expected to have completed their application form and personal statement, with only their final course choices requiring confirmation.

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UCAS REMINDER

This deadline is essential to ensure that applications can be thoroughly checked, references completed, and submission appointments arranged in a timely manner.

We aim to submit the vast majority of applications by Friday 11 December. **Students are therefore strongly advised to treat the 6 November internal deadline as fixed and non-negotiable.** Applications submitted after this date may not receive the same level of support and checking time, and we cannot guarantee that late applications will be processed before the UCAS deadline. Meeting the internal deadline is the best way to ensure that applications are submitted accurately, fully supported, and well in advance of the national deadline.

We appreciate students' cooperation and commitment in meeting these deadlines, which have been put in place to give every applicant the best possible opportunity to submit a high-quality application.

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STUDENT UNION

Upcoming next term is another exciting roster of events and activities from the Student Union. Now fully involved in planning for the winter formal, SU hopes to start advertising a date and building excitement for a fun event coming sometime in the next few months!



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CAREERS INFO

Work Experience Lower Sixth Students - it is great to see students have already started securing work experience placements to start working towards their expected 30 hours. Please support and encourage your young person to explore the opportunities and secure their work experience. The careers team are available to help with any queries, at any time. **All work experience and placements must be approved through college using the online platform 'Unifrog'.**

Aspire Lower Sixth - Our ongoing Aspire sessions have been well attended and on Tuesday 3rd November Durham University will be visiting to give an insight into 'How to choose a degree and university'.

Careers Fair, Tuesday 10th November 2026 – All students welcome to come along and engage with over 30 employers. It is a great chance to explore some career pathways and a chance to enquire about work experience or future opportunities.

Mock Interviews – If your young person has successfully been offered an interview at one of their chosen universities, the careers team can arrange practice interviews, where possible with someone experienced within their subject.

Apprenticeships – If your young person is considering this pathway upon leaving college the careers team can support with the process. If your young person makes the careers team aware they can be added to a focussed Teams group where we can tailor, the support to their interests and needs.

Personal Guidance – All students can access careers advice and guidance, and they are able to have more than one meeting if they feel the need. Please encourage them to call into the careers office to arrange a suitable time.

Emma Anderson - Careers Manager: e.anderson@s6f.org.uk
Sarah Morland - Employer Engagement and Placement Coordinator: s.morland@s6f.org.uk
Jo Davies - Careers Lead/Head of Progression: j.davies@s6f.org.uk

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STUDENT SERVICES AND FINANCE

Students can still apply for financial support from the 16-19 Bursary Fund – if students are not sure if they are eligible or what the bursary is for students can go and speak with Jonny in student services for advice and information.

All students using college transport need to make sure they have an up-to-date bus pass as without a correct pass they may not be able to travel.

During the academic year the college offers students a variety of trips to enhance learning – the college's expectation is that students must have 90% and above attendance to be able to participate in these trips unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Reminder for attendance – all absences from timetabled lessons need to be authorised by a parent/carer – for more information and guidelines on attendance please visit https://s6f.ac.uk/parents/attendance

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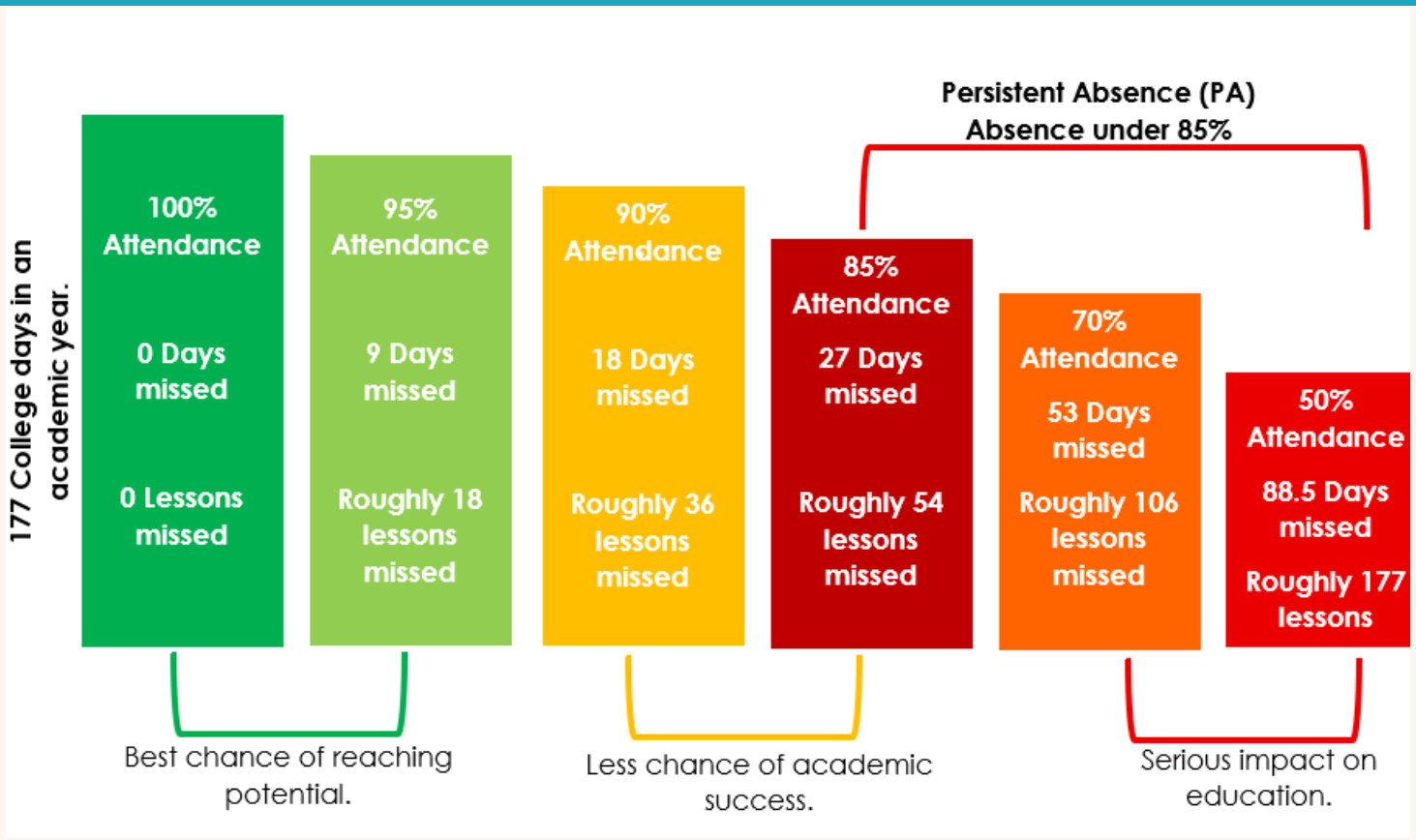
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ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES



It is important to note that if a student's attendance falls below 95%, it can significantly impact their academic progress and performance. Any lost learning hours will result in catch up sessions being booked to support students and ensure they do not fall behind. These sessions are mandatory and done in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

Absences should be reported as soon as possible in the morning by contacting Attendance on 01723 380700 or studentservices@s6f.org.uk. If an absence has not been reported, your child's GST will contact you via message, email or phone to discuss your child's absence.

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SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS AND REPORTING

If your child has any safeguarding concerns they would like to report this can be accessed through their student portal by clicking the concern button.

If you would like to raise a safeguarding concern or get in contact with a member of the safeguarding team, you can send an email to DSL@s6f.org.uk or get in touch with one of the safeguarding officers using the contact details below.

Safeguarding Lead

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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Jo Davies - j.davies@s6f.org.uk

Sue Hawthornthwaite - s.hawthornthwaite@s6f.org.uk

Lyndsay Dawson - l.dawson@s6f.org.uk

TIMETABLES

All timetabled sessions are mandatory; including lessons, prep, boost, catch ups and support sessions. Please make sure your child checks their timetables daily for any changes. Any unauthorised absences will be followed up by your student's GST.