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WELCOME!

Happy summer holidays to all students! This final half-term has seen the end of exams for U6, L6 students taking their own end-of-year exams, and our annual summer festival finishing things off with some fun! We also have had multiple exciting trips including our Duke of Edinburgh expedition and Turing Portugal trip.





INFORMATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Students return to college on Tuesday, September 8th.
Students will be able to access their timetables by
Monday, September 7th.

Students will receive a text from Jonny in Student Services over the coming weeks about reapplying for their bus pass or any financial support. This must be renewed every year so please make sure students reapply if it is something they utilise.

Jonny is available over the summer for any questions or queries regarding transport or student finance and can be contacted at studentservices@s6f.org.uk or 01723 380726.



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A MESSAGE FROM GSTS

When students return in September, they will either be in the UCAS or employment seeking prep group pathway depending on their future goals and their response to the survey that was put out on the student portal. This will give students a more tailored experience in their final year.

Upper 6th UCAS

A message from Sue and Megan:

We are excited to welcome all students who have chosen the UCAS Prep pathway back to college in September. We will support you every step of the way with your university applications, helping you make informed decisions and submit strong applications. You will receive guidance on student finance, university-level academic writing, personal statements, accommodation, and everything you need to prepare for higher education.

U6 Employment Seeking

A message from Laura:

I am excited to see all the Employment/Apprenticeship seekers back in September, I have devised a plan for Prep that will see you prepare for, apply for and hopefully secure suitable future opportunities. Over the year, you will have the chance to take part in mock interviews, begin to network and build your confidence in your future employment and apprenticeship options.

The Guidance Support Team thanks all students for a great year, and we look forward to seeing you after the summer!

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Students completed their Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition in the beautiful Lakes District. They successfully handled varying weather, difficult terrain, and navigating challenging routes. Congratulations to these students and thank you to the staff who accompanied them!



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FESTIVAL ON THE FIELD

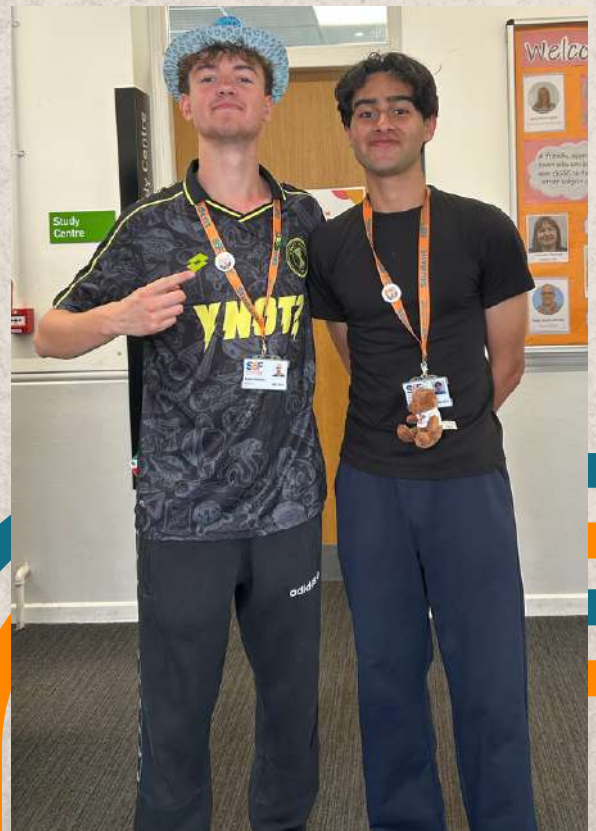
On our final Friday of term, students were able to enjoy our annual summer festival. Highlights included various inflatable games, a hugely successful vintage clothing store pop-up, and incredible performances from some of our music students. We hope students enjoyed having a break from all their hard work the last few weeks!



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STUDENT UNION

Congratulations to our new Student Union members Rita, Muizah, Bari, Aiden, Josie, Dora, Yara, Eryn, Isabel, and Sasha. They have already been helping out at Preview Day and Festival on the Field. We can't wait to see what they do next year!



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TURING PORTAGAL TRIP

Students recently took part in an enriching visit to Portugal, funded through the Turing Scheme, aimed at developing cultural awareness and independence. A highlight of the trip was participation in introductory Portuguese language lessons, enabling students to engage more confidently with the local community and deepen their cultural understanding.

Alongside this, students enjoyed a range of recreational activities, including tennis and beach-based experiences, while also exploring local areas and landmarks. The visit provided valuable opportunities for personal development, helping to build confidence, social skills, and a broader appreciation of life beyond the classroom.



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CAREERS INFO

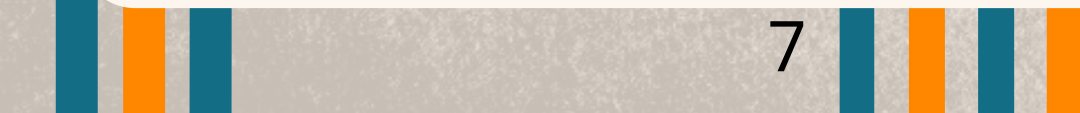
As always, it has been a busy half term for the Careers Team with plenty of students seeking careers guidance to help firm some of their plans for the future, either ahead of finishing college or to discuss options heading into their second year. All students can access such support; they need to call into the careers office and book an appointment with Emma.

Our Aspire students, attended the University of Oxford's open day and enjoyed an overnight stay and gained an insight into the different colleges. Whilst also enjoying some free time to explore the area.

This year, we partnered with Realising Opportunities through the University of York. Realising Opportunities (RO) is a unique collaboration of leading, research intensive universities, dedicated to promoting fair access and social mobility among students from groups underrepresented in higher education. Two of our students attended the RO conference day at the University of York, in June. They were given an insight into university education and gained a feel for the environment.

During June, we had our VIP week – Voluntary Independent Placement week, where students attended a variety of businesses to gain a meaningful insight into a workplace. This was a successful week, with amazing feedback from both employers and students and some even securing part time work or volunteering opportunities. Those students who were unable to secure a placement attended an employability workshop held in college and accessed a variety of virtual work experience opportunities.

If you feel you or your employer may be able to support work experience opportunities for our students, please contact Sarah Morland, s.morland@s6f.org.uk.



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PROGRESSION EVENING

To finish off the year we held our annual Progression Evening, which was a well-attended event, with a host of universities and employers providing information stands. Along with informative talks throughout the evening, giving details of student finance, choosing a university, degree apprenticeship journey, parent guide to UCAS and gap year opportunities.

Upcoming Dates:

1st October – HE Fair in the hub, with several universities attending with informative stalls. This event is during the day for students to attend

W/c 12th October – Placement or Triple sport (upper sixth students)

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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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LEVEL 3 RESULTS

LEVEL 3 RESULTS DAY is Thursday 13th August. College will be open from 8am for students to come and collect their results. If someone else other than the student will be collecting their results, please contact Maggie in exams as soon as possible, to ensure this is possible. Teachers, heads of department, GSTs and staff from two local universities will be available until 12.00 for support and advice.

REFERENCES

If students need a reference for job or university applications within the first 12 months of leaving college, we can provide a reference. However, if it is more than 12 months since the student left college, they should ask someone else with more up to date, relevant knowledge of the student for a reference.

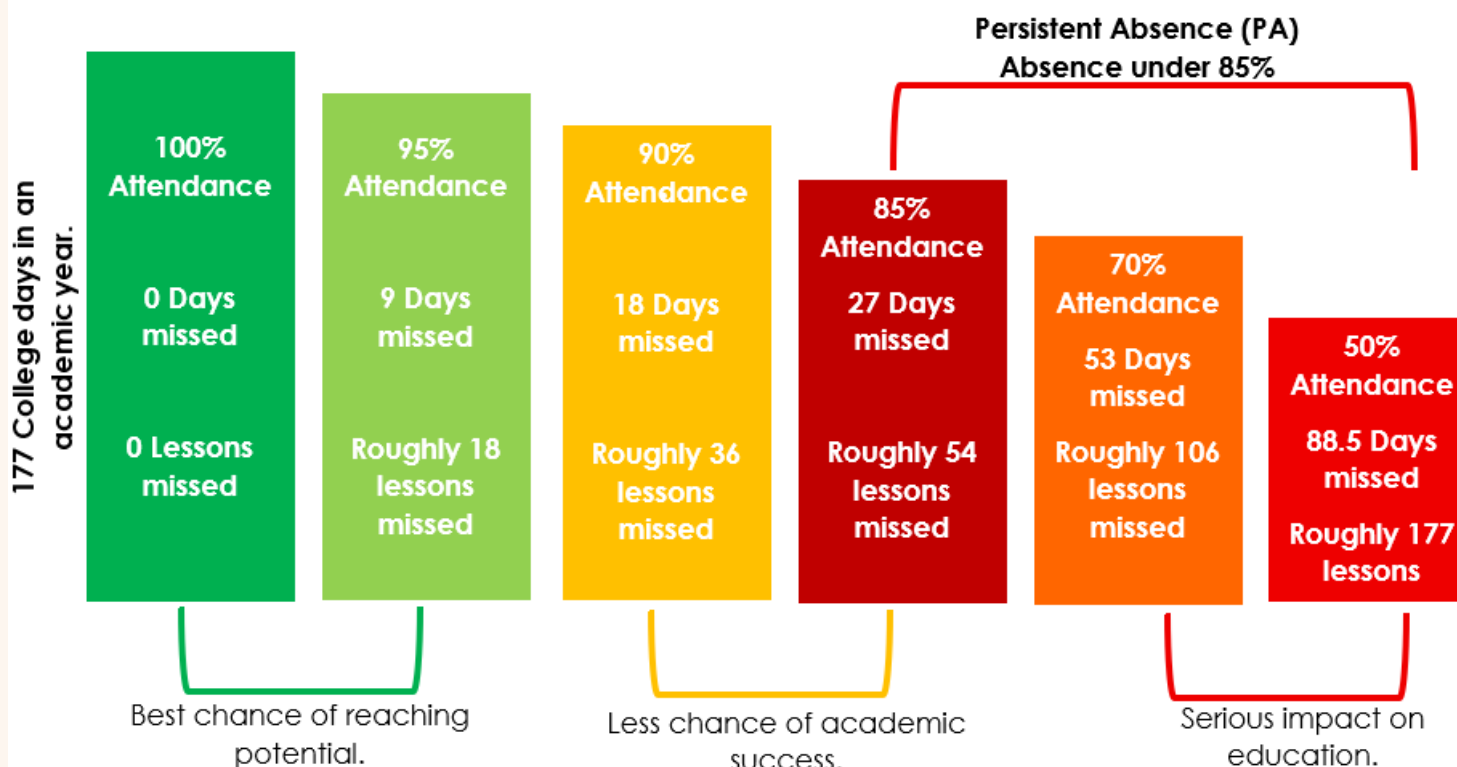


ADMISSION TESTS

All students who intend to apply for university should research whether they need to sit an admissions test, especially early entry students and those applying for Maths, Physics, other STEM subjects and Law. University Admissions Tests UK is a good place to start, UCAS and university websites are also very useful.



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.



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

Alice Thornton - a.thornton@s6f.org.uk

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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.

