

Tuesday 19th November 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we start week 11, I can't quite believe that we are already a quarter of the way through the school year! I wanted to take this opportunity to write and thank you for your support for my first few months in post as Leader of Sixth Form and for the many supportive conversations that you have had with me and the Sixth Form team. These are really setting the students on the path to success. I have recently recorded an introduction video which can be found on our website [via this link](#) if you would like more information about the Angmering Sixth Form.

There are a number of key pieces of information I wanted to share with you at this stage in the year so you are aware of upcoming events and some changes to policies for this year.

Concordia Sleepout for Turning Tides

This Friday, 22nd November, 30 of our students and a number of our staff (myself and Mr Liley included!) will be sleeping out in the freezing cold raising awareness and funds for Turning Tides; our local homelessness charity. A huge thank you to the committee who have worked really hard with Concordia and Mr Bowles to make this event a really positive one. If you are able to sponsor our sleepout team or donate warm items of clothing and blankets to turning tides, please see more information on [this link](#).

Exams and study leave

Year 12 and 13 mock exams have been shortened this year in order to reduce the amount of time that students are out of lessons.

- **Year 13 exams will take place from Monday 2nd - Tuesday 10th December 2024.** There will only be a 3D Design mock exam outside of this time.
- **Year 12 exams will take place from Monday 6th - Friday 10th January 2025.**

All students in a year group will be on study leave for these exam weeks. Students should be completing revision at home or they can work in quiet study spaces in school. If a student does not have an exam in a subject, they will be set independent study work to be completed during this week by their teachers. Some students will be invited into school to work one-to-one or in small groups with members of staff during these times to support preparation for external exams in January. We hope that this will make the exams a realistic learning experience for the students.

Seminars and Motivational Monday

Each Monday, we invite ex-students to present to the Sixth Form students on their path to their current job, apprenticeship or university course. This is designed to ensure that students get near-peer information that may help them to consider future pathways.

Each student also has three seminars a fortnight:

- Success Ready seminars focus on study and revision skills
- Future Ready seminars focus on careers education, UCAS and future pathways
- World Ready seminars focus on personal development.

These are all an essential part of the wider education offered within the Sixth Form and attendance is monitored and chased up as we know that these sessions can be extremely valuable to students.

Social Events

Following the success of the Shocktoberfest visit in October, our next social event is to the Brighton Pavilion Ice skating on Wednesday 18th December 2025. There will also be some free time after the ice skating for students to do some Christmas shopping or to find something to eat. A separate letter will be sent to all students who have registered their interest this week with the payment going onto ParentPay. The link to register interest in this trip is [here](#).

I am also pleased to tell you that we will be holding a Summer Ball on Thursday 10th July 2025 at Field Place in Worthing. The ticket price of £40 will include a welcome drink, street food options and a disco and will be a wonderful way for Year 13 students to celebrate the end of their Sixth Form journey as well as a great social occasion for Year 12 students. Due to the popularity of the venue at this time of year, we are asking for students to pay a non-refundable £20 deposit to secure their place. This will also be available on ParentPay within the next few days. This is something students have been asking for for a number of years and we are really looking forward to establishing this new tradition.

Absence procedures

Students at Angmering Sixth Form are required to be in lessons in order to meet their guided learning hours for their courses. We will have discussions with students who fall below 90% attendance without clear and justified reasons for doing so as we know this can lead to an average of one grade lower achievement at A-level. Please ensure that any authorised absences are reported to Pauline (6th Form Administrator) in the office on the day of absence using one of the methods below.

- Email your reason for absence to **6thformoffice@theangmeringschool.co.uk**
- Text your reasons for absence to **07860054571**
- Call the Sixth Form office on **01903 778391** where you can speak to Pauline or leave a message.

In order to support a return to lessons, we ask all students to check in with Pauline on their return to school in case there is any additional support needed.

Additional Support

We monitor progress every 4-6 weeks to ensure that any change in engagement or performance is picked up quickly and intervention is put in place. If we have any concerns over the progress of any student in the Sixth Form, we will be in contact with you as part of the support process. We very much encourage all parents to attend the Sixth Form consultation evening which will take place on **Thursday 13th February 2025** where you will have the opportunity to discuss student progress with the subject teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Sixth Form office 6thformoffice@theangmeringschool.co.uk and we will be happy to help you. We regularly update our social media so please Like us on Facebook [The Angmering School Sixth Form](#) or follow the student led instagram account for an insight into sixth form life - @theangmeringsixthform.

Kind regards



Mrs Hannah Knox
Leader of Sixth Form