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Dear Y12 students, parents/carers

June 2017

Detailed below are key dates and reminders for the summer term:

Monday 12 June	Post-18 carousel of presentations
Tuesday 13 June	A2 teaching commenced until Friday 21 July (except for dates highlighted below).
Wednesday 5 July	Y13 Leavers' Prom at Alexander Park - 7.30pm - 11.30pm. Please speak to Mrs Arlott if you still wish to purchase a ticket.
Friday 7 July	Staff inset - lessons will not run and students are granted a home study day; however some students may still be asked to attend to complete outstanding coursework.
Monday 17 July - Thursday 20 July	Lessons will continue as per timetable on Monday 17 July; Tuesday-Thursday are challenge days where a separate programme is being planned which will be advertised to students once finalised and will include post-18 workshops, career presentations and teambuilding activities.
Friday 21 July	Last day of term - school ends at 1.15pm. There will be no lessons and Sixth Form students are not required to come in on this day unless they are involved in celebration assemblies with lower school.
Thursday 17 August 09.30am-10.30am	A-level Results in the Sixth Form Centre. If you are unable to attend yourself you may arrange for somebody else to pick up your results if you provide them with a signed letter of authority to do so. Alternatively, results may be posted after this provided you give a self-addressed C4 envelope with a "large letter" stamp and a signed letter of authority to Mr Kerr in the Exams Office before the end of term. Please see below contact numbers to be used on results day.
Monday 4 September 10.30am - 12.00 noon	Students are required to re-enrol in the Sixth Form Centre prior to the start of term. Students will discuss with a member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team their examination results and finalise their Y13 timetable. To aid discussion, students are required to complete the attached Enrolment Form and bring to the meeting and attendance is compulsory. If you cannot enrol on this day, please contact me by email mark.hawksworth@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk
Wednesday 6 September	The first day of term is Wednesday 6 September, but as Y13 students you are not required to come in until 11am on this day to allow us time to give Y12 students a proper induction. Lessons will start from P3.
Wednesday 27 Sept 1.15 - 5.45	Teambuilding trip to Oakerwood to do either paintballing or quadbiking - more details to follow

If students are contemplating taking a new AS subject in September, in order to prepare over the summer, they will be able to find Y11 transition work for each subject in the student shared area W:\Sixth Form\Subjects in folders titled 'Transition 2017'.

A-level Results Day - Thursday 17 August

Should parents wish to contact the school on results' days they may use the following numbers:

Mr M Hawksworth Head of Sixth Form	01531 638452	Mr C Price Head of Y13	01531 638451	Mrs T Arlott Student Support	01531 638451
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Course changes

Students are strongly advised to continue with their existing subjects and make a decision about dropping after their exam results. However, should a student decide not to continue with a subject, they must speak to me first and complete a Course Change form for it to be authorised. All text books and resources must be returned to staff once this has been agreed.

Data Collection Sheet

To ensure data is correct, please could you update the enclosed Data Collection Sheet and return to Mrs Arlott ASAP.

16-19 Bursary – The 16-19 Bursary Fund aims to encourage participation by young people who face financial barriers to learning. There are two types of bursary, namely:

1. A bursary of up to £1,200 a year for young people in the following defined vulnerable groups:
 - a. in care;
 - b. care leavers;
 - c. young people in receipt of income support or universal credit in their own name;
 - d. disabled young people in receipt of Employment Support Allowance AND Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in their own name.

2. Discretionary bursary awards made by the Sixth Form to young people in ways that best fit their needs and circumstances. Bursary awards are targeted towards those young people who face the greatest financial barriers to participation; such as the costs of transport, meals, books and equipment.

For more information about the bursary please go on the Government's website: <https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund>. Details on how to apply for the 16-19 Bursary will be sent home at the start of the autumn term, with applications reviewed by the Sixth Form Leadership Team by the end of September and students notified whether they have been successful in early October. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Arlott on 01531 638451 or t.arlott@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

Free School Meals - Further information can be found on the school's website:

<http://jmhs.hereford.sch.uk/sixth-form/information/> or by contacting Mrs Arlott, Sixth Form Student Support.

Post-16 bus passes

For a post-16 bus pass you will need to apply to the Council where your council tax is paid to. If you meet the eligibility conditions you can apply for a subsidised bus pass online on the Herefordshire Council's website: https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200187/public_transport/166/school_and_college_transport/2

The subsidised fees for 2017-18 are as follows: Autumn term £276, Spring term £276 and Summer term £213.

In the meantime, please speak to me or Mrs Arlott if you should have any query and I wish you an enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Hawksworth
Head of Sixth Form / Assistant Headteacher