



JM6 Update 2 February 2021

Dear Sixth Form Students, Parents and Carers

Year 12 & 13 Virtual Parents' Evening

I am extremely pleased to report that our inaugural Virtual Sixth Form Parents' Evening went pretty much to plan with only a few minor technical issues. It was lovely to see the students and parents and be able to report back on some excellent progress in general from both Year 12 and Year 13. We have also been very humbled by the many positive messages we have received from parents and carers about the support and teaching the JM6 students have had access to during the lockdown period. If for any reason you missed a parents' evening appointment or require any subject information please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughters' subject teachers or tutor.

Higher Education Plus (HE+)

As in previous years our Year 12 students have access to the HE+ programme of support sessions for those aspiring to the most competitive universities. A group of students have now had their second master class session covering a range of areas such as natural sciences, medicine, archaeology, law and international politics. The students also have access to a range of Cambridge masterclasses and webinars.

Careers advice and guidance

On Wednesday 27 January our students were able to access the UK University Search & Apprenticeship Virtual Fair. The students were able to hear presentations from many of the country's top universities and apprenticeship providers as part of the ongoing process of making informed post-18 decisions.

Another excellent source of information will be the UCAS Discover Apprenticeships event from Monday 8 February to Friday 12 February, with a week of dedicated live sessions, information and advice about everything to do with apprenticeships. Students will gain an even greater insight into what's involved in studying while working. More information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships/discover-apprenticeships>

Further study around your subjects

The College of Arts and Humanities at Swansea University have recently provided access to pre-recorded lectures which you are free to utilise (all videos are hosted on their YouTube channel). As well as just being interesting such lectures can be great to cite in UCAS personal statements and to talk about in any interview. They can be found via the links below:

[Global Issues: Pandemics](#) (Dr Emel Akcali, Politics and International Relations)

[The Future of Media Studies](#) (Dr Leighton Evans, Media Studies)

[Parental Engagement and Family Learning](#) (Dr Janet Goodall, Education)

[The History of Diversity in British Football](#) (Prof Martin Johns, History)

[Do Roman Emperors Matter?](#) (Dr Mark Humphries, Ancient History)

[What is Childhood?](#) (Dr Jacky Tyrie, Early Childhood Studies)

This week

- Tuesday Tutor time session 12.15-12.45pm on 'Wellbeing in a pandemic'.
- Wednesday 2pm-3pm Apprenticeship Session with Hereford & Worcester Group Training Association for all Year 12s and interested Year 13s. See the link emailed to you last week!

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families well with the sincere hope that we will be able to resume face to face teaching as soon as we are allowed after Monday 8 March 8. Until then carry on with the excellent work and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



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