



Year 12

A Parent Introduction to Sixth Form Life

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The Purpose of an Evening like this...

- To let you know about the change of ethos and environment between Year 11 and Year 12
- To inform you about our expectations, both in terms of studying and how a student presents themselves
- To tell you about the student timetable and the extra-curricular responsibilities
- To explain the Summer Examinations and the journey towards Year 13



Communication



The Ballakermeen Sixth Form Team

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- Director of Sixth Form- Mr Richard Karran
 - Deputy Head of Sixth Form – Mrs Ashely Hall
 - Assistant Head of Sixth Form – Mrs Sharon Lewin
 - Assistant Head of Sixth Form – Mrs Ali McMahon-Boyd
 - Assistant Head of Sixth Form – Mrs Danielle Cummins
 - Assistant Head of Sixth Form – Mr James McDonald
 - Assistant Head of Sixth Form – Mr Shawn Sturnick

Director of Sixth Form

Curriculum , Leading The Senior Prefect Team, Marketing, Media Releases and Publicity, Health and Safety, Public Events, Discipline, Student Voice, Community Work, The University Trip, Student Information, Oxbridge,The Medicine Programme, Academic Planning, Transition from 11 →12

Mrs Kirk	Ash Hall	Sharon Lewin	Danielle Cummins
Sixth Form Education Support Officer	Deputy Head of Sixth Form with responsibility for Collaboration and Alternative Provision	Assistant Head of Sixth Form with responsibility for Careers and Work Experience	Assistant Head of Sixth Form with responsibility for Pastoral Care
Transition from 11 →12 (with RK)	The Foundation Programme (12X)	The provision of Careers Education	PSHE/Tutor time Programme
Attendance and Punctuality (with JmcD)	Collaboration Programme with St Ninians'	Work Experience	Alternative Provision Curriculum
Holiday forms	Alternative Provision Curriculum	Destinations and Alumni	SEND student transition
Administrative Responsibilities	UCAS Application Mentor	UCAS Application Mentor	Safeguarding Liaison
The Higher Education Fair	Charity Challenge/ External Essay/Poetry Competitions	Junior Achievement	Relationships with external agencies
Timetable/Curriculum Changes	Ali McMahon Boyd	James McDonald	Shawn Sturnick
Data Collection	Assistant Head of Sixth Form with responsibility for Post 16 Applications	Assistant Head of Sixth Form with responsibility for Raising Standards and Reporting	Sixth Form Pastoral Listener
Absence Tracking	UCAS Application Lead	Analysis of Tracking Data	Form Time Listening Slots
Data Analysis and Intervention	Unifrog Lead	Tracking Feedback Letters	Liaison with DC once a week
Flexitime	UCM Partnership	Overview of Subject Interventions	
	Critical Thinking Lead	UCAS Application Mentor	



MRS GILL KIRK

- Absences
- Holiday Forms
- Letters of Confirmation
- Attendance and Punctuality

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MRS ASHLEY HALL

- Collaboration with St Ninian's
 - The Foundation Programme
 - Part Time Timetable Students

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MRS SHARON LEWIN

- Work Experience
- Careers Advice
- On Island Education Providers

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MRS ALI MCMAHON-BOYD

- UCAS and the University System
 - Unifrog

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MRS DANIELLE CUMMINS

- Pastoral Care
- SEND in the Sixth Form
- PSHE in the Sixth Form
- Outside Agencies

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MR JAMES MCDONALD

- Attendance/Punctuality
- Reports and Tracking
- Raising Standards

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DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM

- Curriculum Issues (Tutor First)
- Parent Meetings (2nd Meeting)
 - Planning and Logistics
- Oxbridge/Medics/Vets/Dentists/Teachers

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EXPECTATION



The Sixth Form Routine

- School is from 8.45am-3.20pm
- Please call in or email when your Son/Daughter is likely to be late or absent. If this doesn't happen, a truancy call may be received.
- For Sixth Form enquiries, please email Gill.Kirk@sch.im, our Sixth Form Administrator
- Students receive 'same day' late detentions if they don't make it to school by 8.50am.




Holidays in Term Time

- School can only permit 10 days of holiday. The DESC advise us that the rest is 'unauthorised'.
- Please be mindful about taking late August holidays- simply from a logistic point of view. Results day is 17th August.
- Driving Lessons/Gym Visits etc. will not count as 'permitted absence'

A change of ethos and environment between Year 11 and Year 12




**KEEP
CALM
AND
DO YOUR
HOMEWORK**



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STUDYING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

- Students will receive six taught lessons a week in each subject.
- The lessons taught are just a starting point- if they are not supported by the students' own additional research and wider reading, the student will not achieve desired progress.
- Unlike GCSE, A Level doesn't have a 'finish point'. The scheme of work is never over.

THE STANDARDS WE EXPECT

- Uniform must be appropriate- We would appreciate your help us with this
- Students must be punctual and must stay throughout the school day
- Absences must be genuine and allowing students to take days off isn't helping the school or the student
- If students sign out, we must have a telephone call, note or text from the parent. Texts are accepted to the student mobile, as long as we are allowed to see it.
- Students are expected to work 3 hours outside their subject per day
- We advise against more than 8 hours of paid work a week. Double shifts at the weekend will take their toll.

HOW DO THEY WORK AT HOME?

- Re-reading
- Re-writing
- Copying up notes
- Further research in course books or on the internet (70/30)
- Completing homework on time and even extending it
- Filing/Folder creation

EACH WEEK AT A TIME

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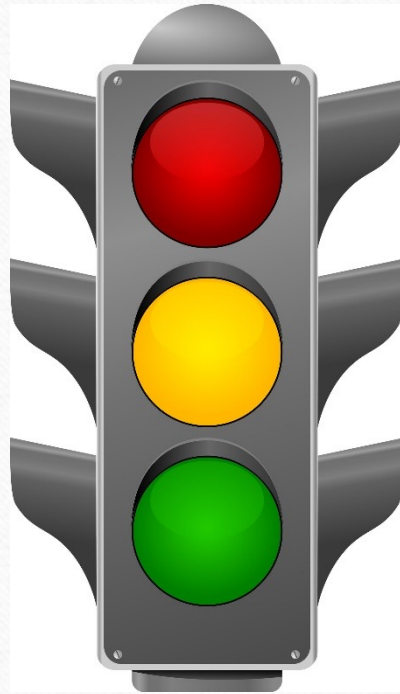


Private Study/STUDY SESSION Planning Form

Subject, Date and Time of Private Study:

Task +Time Needed	Learning Objective	Materials Needed	Pre Printing
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

THE PRIVATE STUDY ZONES





Important Points to know about Collaboration

- Different Tracking and
- Reporting Dates
- Drop Down Days
- Revision Sessions
- Knowing how to find support staff



OUTCOMES



The different types of Sixth Form Qualification Available



Cambridge A Level Examinations

- AS (Advanced Subsidiary) sat in Year 12 and A2 (A Level) sat in Year 13
- 50% of grade from points gained in Year 12, 50% from points gained in Y13
- Resit modules from Y12 the following summer if required
- The UCAS Predictor grade is taken from the summer AS exam
- February Mock Exams

Examples

Business Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Music, Sociology



The Two year A Level exam

- The 'A Level' grade is derived from the exams sat at the end of the second year.
- Our UCAS predicted grade is taken from the Year 12 Summer Exam.

Examples of **Two year A Levels at Ballakermeen:**

Classical Civilisation, English Language, English Literature, Maths, Further Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, German, Graphics, Art, Photography, PE, Media



BTEC Courses

- Pearson/Ed Excel Courses
- Level 3 – A Level equivalent
- Continuous assignment assessment, no terminal exams
- Graded Distinction Star, Distinction, Merit, Pass
- Examples at Ballakermeen: Sport, Performing Arts, ICT

EXAM
Alert





Overview



- Access Arrangements
- Special Consideration
- Contingency Day
- Exams Summer 2023



Access Arrangements



- Access Arrangements need to be re-applied for at the start of Year 12
- Access Arrangements are now subject specific
- Access Arrangements can now be withdrawn if students do not use them
- Access Arrangements should be the normal way of working – not just in exams



Special Consideration



- Special Consideration is a post-examination adjustment to a candidates mark or grade to reflect temporary illness, temporary injury or some other event outside of the candidates control at the time of the exam / assessment which has had, or is reasonably likely to have had an effect on a candidate's ability to take an assessment or demonstrate his or her normal level of attainment.



Candidates who are absent



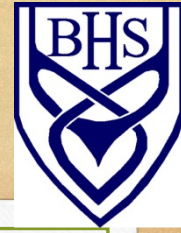
- Candidates must have completed at least 25% of the total assessment.
- Partially completed units are not accepted.
- Awarding bodies may reject an application unless supported by medical evidence.



Contingency Day



- Wednesday 28th June 2023
- Please don't book / reschedule holidays before this date!





DROPPING SUBJECTS

- As you all know when you chose to send your Son/Daughter to Ballakermeen, we do three or four subjects in Year 12
 - a) Mid November post tracking
 - b) End of Feb post Mock Exams
 - c) Summer Year 12 Exams
- Subject swapping ended on 30th September



OPTIONS for SEPTEMBER 2023

- Students will be advised to drop to three subjects in Year 13.
- If a student doesn't get the required grades to move into Year 13, they will be asked to come to interview with a member of the Sixth Form Team to discuss their options.
- U grades will not be able to pass through to Year 13.
- If E grade students have the intention to go to Uni, they will be advised to repeat the year.
- Students must not begin with a mind-set of Failure