



September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Sixth Form Enrichment

Students in Year 12 will be offered a broad Enrichment programme over the course of this year, which will include sessions on study skills, team-building and presentation skills, as well as an independent research project and a presentation from a local MP. After Christmas, students will have sessions on a number of topics, such as the Holocaust, Hector's House mental health charity and a talk from a survivor of modern slavery. Over the second half of the Spring Term, students will engage in lectures on topics such as interview and CV preparation and managing personal finances.

After Easter, the students will learn about a range of religions and consider and present ethical questions in the form of an academic poster. Through our Future Prep programme, we are also able to offer sessions including British sign language, self-defence, First Aid, yoga, Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), touch typing, survival skills, mindfulness, and cooking on a budget. Please note that there will be an additional cost for those who choose to complete the TEFL course. In addition to our usual Enrichment programme, we will be working with a team of motivational speakers who have developed study skills programmes that work by offering:

- **Young, vibrant presenters** – who have all recently faced and aced the final years of school; presenters that teenagers can relate to, and who can engage a group of students.
- **Short, sharp sessions spaced across the year** – rather than long study skills days that push attention spans, overwhelm students and are inevitably forgotten as the year progresses.
- **Follow-up resources for both teachers and students** – to ensure the skills are applied at home and in the classroom.
- **Student support website** – where students can access practice papers, a best-selling study guide, blogs and forums to ask the presenters questions after the session.

In order to help towards covering the cost of this Enrichment programme, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £40 per student. Payment to be made by ParentPay by Friday 2 October 2026. Please note that if payment is made by ParentPay, a completed permission slip is not required. If requesting funding under the Bursary scheme, please complete and return the permission slip to the Finance Box outside the Staffroom.

The school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Contributions are voluntary, but if these are insufficient the activities may have to be cancelled or more limited in scope. We realise that many people have come under increased economic pressure; in cases of hardship, please contact Mrs Stringer in the Finance Office in confidence, and by 2 October 2026.

Yours sincerely

Ms K Gaches, Head of Sixth Form

BURSARY FORM

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☐ I give consent for any necessary personal data to be shared with relevant external companies.

☐ I have been accepted onto the 16-19 Bursary and am requesting funding

Student name: _____ Form: _____

Signed Parent/Carer: _____