





## **Toot Hill Sixth Form College**

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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you are well. As we near the end of the half term, we wanted to get in touch to highlight a few key dates for year 12 and to reiterate how important it is that our students take advantage of the opportunities offered to them in this final half term.

**Work experience 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July:**

Although the deadline is this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, we know that some students are waiting on confirmation from potential employers. Therefore, we would like to give them the half term with Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June as final deadline. If they are struggling, they should contact their mentors for further help and support, or Mrs Farmer. Please be aware that the Careers Newsletter, sent out to students and parents weekly, also contains information on potential work experience placements. Once students have their work experience placements confirmed, they need to register this here: [www.toothillcollege.co.uk/work-experience](http://www.toothillcollege.co.uk/work-experience)

If students are unsuccessful in securing a placement, they will be expected in all lessons where review and consolidation work will continue in lessons. Law students will be in 'law school' from 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July, but they are invited to try and secure a shorter work experience placement for the final two days of work experience week if they are able.

**End of year 12 exams:**

We are waiting for confirmation on the exams timetable. However, the exams window is still set to be 19<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June. Most subjects will set assessments which test all year 12 content. Students should receive revision lists and guidance from their subject teachers by the end of this week if they haven't received these already. It is important that they get into a regular routine of revision with just 4 weeks to go before exams. We have given students guidance on how to revise during the PDC in the first term, and we will revisit these skills next half term with their mentors.

**Personal development curriculum:**

This half term students studied the 'world around me' and explored personal finance, pensions, employment law, and most recently a talk from an LGBTQ+ organisation ahead of Pride month in June. Additionally, year 12 students have had 1:1s with their mentors in order for mentors to get to know students' thoughts on their future destinations, forthcoming exams and to support with WEX. Next half term, students will focus on 'My Future' which will prepare them for applying for university. It is essential that all students attend mentor period 2 on a Tuesday. This is a timetabled lesson and part of the home college agreement. Whilst some students may not know whether university is the right pathway for them, over 85% of students from Toot Hill go on to 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

Additionally, UCAS are now including applications for degree apprenticeships as part of their system. We will of course be looking at other pathways too, and the focus on developing their personal statement will also be beneficial for students applying for a range of post-18 destinations. During the rolling mentor period, students will concentrate on revision skills and preparations for forthcoming assessments. Following these assessments, the mentor's focus will shift to the 'My Future' module.

Thank you for your continued support this year. Our students continue to 'dare to know' and we are proud of the many ways they are demonstrating this ethos.

Yours faithfully,

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