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April 2018 Sixth Form Newsletter

Welcome to the R6 Newsletter....

We are in April already and the school year is flying by. We are now in the final teaching weeks for the Year 13's before their final study leave begins. The last teaching day for them is Friday 18th May.

With both year groups facing examinations, we are holding an exam preparation evening on Thursday 3rd May to discuss some revision tips and how to reduce some exam anxiety.

This newsletter will discuss some tips too!

The Year 13 are now in the process of confirming their offers if they are to University and apprenticeship interviews are also taking place.

For Year 12 the focus is now on the next step for them, and the summer term is a great opportunity to look at University and their Open Days, which will

be discussed later in this newsletter,. They are also busy arranging their Work Shadowing Placements which will be during the week 16th –20th July , this newsletter will discuss the advantages of Work Shadowing, Last week we held a progression evening for our Year 12 students with talks about University, Apprenticeships and Student Finance with many exhibitor's attending.

Both Year Groups have been raising money for R6 chosen charity ,Prospect Hospice. They had a £10.00 challenge. Each mentor group was given £10.00 and the challenge was to increase this by any means.

The total amount raised was £504.28 which is brilliant.

We love to hear your feedback about R6 and if you need any further information or have any queries please call 01793 846131 or email R6leaders@ridgewayschool.com.

Spotlight on HSLA

Each month we will be looking at our Core Enrichment Choices, this month its HSLA which stands for Higher Sports Leadership Award. This is a nationally recognised qualification that enables successful learners to independently lead purposeful and enjoyable sport and physical activity within the community.

The Higher Sports Leaders Award (HSLA) is a level 3 leadership course offered by Sports Leaders UK, in order to develop the coaching and leadership abilities of young people.

This course also gives the opportunity for young people to gain qualifications and skills within coaching which will benefit them in the future.



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Revision HINTS and TIPS

Revision— AGGHH but don't worry the sooner you start to revise, the easier it will be. Not everyone suits one style of revision so here are some hints and tips, keep trying until you find a method that suits you.

Plan

Revision timetables, timelines and diaries are all useful in organising your time but you should review these daily to ensure you are studying all lessons and update with any changes.

Note taking

Highlight important text in both textbooks and your own work. Making sure crucial dates, techniques and key terms are covered. Once highlighted, transfer these details to revision cards, post it notes.

Post its

- These can be handy for remembering short pieces of information such as key dates, equations or terms. You can stick these where you will see them most

— bedroom mirror etc and by regularly seeing these it will Post It in your head !

Past Papers

You can ask teachers or you can download these from the internet. It will help familiarise you with the types of questions, and you can prepare the answers ready for the real thing.

Record your notes

Listening to your own voice can make you cringe, however it can be an effective way to store information, you can record your notes on your phone. Plug in your headphones and go for a long walk!

Mind Maps

Take a Key term or topic and write this in the middle of the page, then add as much information as you can around it. Try to do this from memory rather than your notes and see how much you have learned.

Positive thoughts

All things will pass and so will you! If you put the work in now the summer results will be amazing. Think positively and have clear revision goals.

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

The Summer Term is a great time for Year 12 students who are interested in attending university to visit their open days.

• **How many open days should I attend?**

We recommend that before you look at the Open Days, you find out which course you would like to study, and go from there. Look at entry requirements, and then look at areas where you would like to study and then with that list complete—organise which ones you would like to go to.

• **When do the Open Days take place?**

There is a full list in the Common Room on the Open Days board or on the website www.opendays.co.uk

You can also contact the University directly or review their website.

• **How to book Open Day?**

We wouldn't advise to just turn up, there are booking links on the Open Days website which you can book directly— or you can call the university.

On the day....

A schedule of the day is usually sent in advance and should include a tour of the campus, halls of residence and talks on student finance, accommodation and course content. This is your time to ask important questions

After the visit... Review everything! If you think of questions you didn't ask call them or email. By attending the University directly this will give you a real taste of student life and can make choosing your University easier.

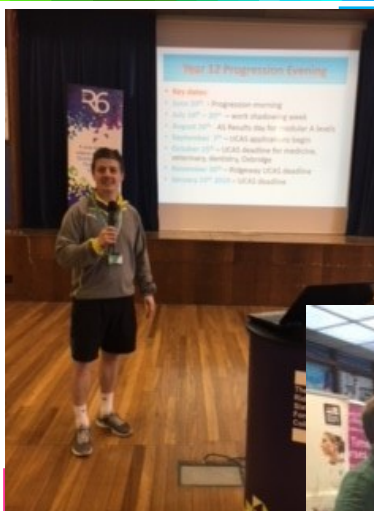
On Thursday 26th April we held our Progression evening, this is an event that we hold to help inform Year 12 students and parents on the next steps. Whether that is going to University, Apprenticeships or the work place.

We had talks from different speakers from the University of Southampton, National Apprenticeship Service, Southampton Solent, University of South Wales, University of Gloucestershire and Polly Wiggins, Careers Guidance Counsellor.

They held talks on choosing University Courses, through to Student Finance and how to support students with their A – Levels and beyond.

We also opened the evening to the Year 10 and Year 11 students who visited the wide variety of stands in the Dining Hall, to help with post-16 choices. We had different Universities and Colleges, with the NHS through to the Armed Forces. This was beneficial for these students to help realise which A-levels are required for certain careers.

If any students or parents were unable to attend and would like further information please email R6leaders@ridgewayschool.com



Progression Evening



Dates for your diary...

Thursday 3rd May	Exam Preparation Evening
Friday 18th May	Year 13 Study Leave
Wednesday 20th June	Year 12 Progression Morning
Week 25th-29th June	Year 12 Summer Exams
26th June	Year 11 into 12 Induction
Friday 29th June	Year 13 Leavers Ball
Week 16th-20th July	Work Shadowing Week

Work shadowing

Year 12 students need to be booking their work shadowing placements for week beginning 16th June, Work shadowing is great for students for the following reasons.

- ◇ Experience—can add to CV
- ◇ Skills— transferable skills for other jobs
- ◇ Contacts –could use in future
- ◇ Knowledge— of the job and what tasks it involves

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