

## **Sixth Form - Key Stage 5**

### **Year 12**

Sixth Form students are involved in a range of raising aspirations activities and meetings, with the aim of consolidating future plans for their post-16 life. This could be moving on to university, an apprenticeship or the world of work.

In September, Year 12 students, parents and carers are invited into the Academy for an information evening to explain what lies ahead as they begin studying for A-levels. Part of this session includes a strong emphasis on finding work experience placements, the extended project qualification, preparation for applying to university (UCAS) and other enrichment sessions, and the measures we have to put in place to support this.

### **Year 12 Learning and Activity Days**

As part of the Raising Aspirations programme, PSHE (*Personal, Social and Health Education*) and CEIAG (*Careers Education, Information Advice and Guidance*) students participate in a number of bespoke programmes which aim to explain the importance of education, inspire students to set achievable goals and increase motivation, whilst raising aspirations for the future.

### **University Experience**

In Sixth Form, the range and format of university experience is vast and not all activities are catalogued here. The focus in Years 12 and 13 is on bespoke experiences, which cater for individual student needs.

The Sixth Form team: Vice Principal, Assistant Vice Principal, Head of Sixth Form, Assistant Head of Sixth Form, Sixth Form Learning Mentor and Form Tutors work with students to ensure they receive the right guidance, information and advice on their preferred subject choice, university destination, finance and accommodation etc.

From this, Year 12 students will be given an opportunity to meet with different members from different businesses, where they will be able to discuss possible career paths. In June, all students attend a higher education convention, where they can find information and ideas on a huge range of post-18 options available for further study.

In the past year, our Year 12 students have participated in the following activities:

- Career Ready Masterclass and industry mentoring programme
- Realising opportunities programmes with Loughborough University
- Villiers Park residentials, Cambridge University
- Discover Medecine, University of Sheffield
- University of Cambridge shadowing scheme
- Sutton Trust summer schools
- Engineering Development Trust, Headstart

### **Assemblies**

Throughout the year, a range of themes are covered in assemblies which focus on the students' future pathways. Universities, local organisations, businesses and companies offering apprenticeships are all presented to Sixth Form on post-18 options. Career related talks also form part of the PSHE programme.

### **Extend Project Qualification (EPO)**

A number of students are provided with the option of completing the EPO. This provides students with a superb opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge beyond their A-level studies. EPO is a very useful tool for university applications and interviews.

### **Work Experience**

All year 12 students will have to complete work experience for at least one week in June of Year

12. Each student is responsible for securing the work experience placement, with support from the Sixth Form team and CEIAG staff.

### **Year 12 Mentoring**

Students who are at risk of under-achieving will be mentored their Form Tutor, Assistant Head of Year, Head of Year or a member of the Leadership Team. The aim is to identify the individual support they require and work to improve their engagement in learning, through a positive support system.

The following events and activities are planned to be taking place this academic year 2019/20:

- Trips and visits
- Career Ready workshops
- De Montfort University – university applications
- Admission and curriculum lead sessions from Birmingham University
- Interview practice for vocational courses/Oxbridge/Medicine
- Higher and degree apprenticeships presentation/workshops

### **Year 13**

Year 13 is a very busy academic year and students must also make important decisions about what their next steps will be after leaving The Pingle Academy, including applying for university.

The deadline for UCAS applications is January every year, but students are encouraged to have their online forms completed by the end of November. Every student receives the support they need from our Sixth Form team throughout the process, including one to one meetings with their Form Tutor, Mr Smith (Learning mentor), Ms Wilson (Head of Sixth Form) and Mrs Goodwin (Assistant Head of Sixth Form).

Sixth Form students who are in a position to apply for the University of Oxford or Cambridge are given structured additional support from the Sixth Form team, which is organised by Ms Wilson.

Students who wish to apply for training, enter an apprenticeship and indeed those who wish to enter the world of work straight from school, receive one to one support and encouragement, the same as those applying for higher education.

### **University Experience**

Students receive support this year about university experiences. A range of universities discuss the social, personal and economic factors involved in life at university. Banking, accommodation, sexual health and safety are considered.

In Year 13, each student attends universities based on their individual choices, and will enter into interviews dependant on the application.

The Sixth Form team guide students through the UCAS process, so that students are fully equipped to make the right choices for their needs and ambitions. This service is also open to students who have taken a gap year.