

January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

### Enrichment Week 2019

During the week of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, the school timetable will be suspended so that a range of enrichment activities can take place for Years 7-11. This academic year Enrichment Week has been dedicated as a time when Year 12 students can take part in work experience or undertake university open day visits.

There are many benefits for students undertaking work experience:

- Enabling students to find placements that are related to their future career/university choice
- Gaining a real insight into their chosen field
- Gaining greater self-confidence and maturity
- Developing their employability skills

We see this as an invaluable opportunity for students and we hope they will take full advantage of it. To facilitate the scheme we would like students, with your help, to seek their own placements. The placements may be found through personal contacts or by students writing to places of work or companies that interest them.

We would hope that in Year 12 students would wish to find an interesting and relevant placement that reflects their interests and aspirations. In previous years the students who have had the best experiences have organised this early or tried several places in order to get the most from their week, therefore students will need to spend some time trying to find the best possible placement.

Alternatively, students may wish to consider the week as an opportunity for independent study at home or to take advantage of university open days where they will be able to explore university and college campuses and facilities, meet students and staff, ask questions and see if they would be happy there. A number of universities are offering open days during this week including:

- University of Cambridge
- University of Oxford
- University of Brighton
- Durham University
- Liverpool Hope University

To find out more about university open days and when they are being offered please use the link below.

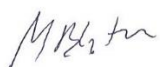
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/find-course/events-and-open-days>



Please note that all school buildings will be closed during this week as staff and students in years 7-10 will be taking part in enrichment activities outside school.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Blythe', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Blythe  
Head of Sixth Form