

# Sixth Form at Gosforth Academy

Year 12 Introductory Evening

# The Sixth Form Team

- Deputy Principal: Post 16 (& Safeguarding Lead): Mrs Blackburn
- Post 16 Admin: Jassy Walsh
- Heads of Year / Learning Managers:
  - Year 12: Mrs Bradley
  - Progression, Empowerment & Transition: Mrs Walton
  - More Able: Miss Cassidy
- IAG & Careers: Mrs Carter & Mr Limbrick
- Rugby Coach: Mr Patton

# The Sixth Form Team: Tutors

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# Pastoral support system

- Team of specialist non-teaching tutors
- Learning Managers – some with specialist roles
- Comprehensive tutorial, registration and assembly programmes
- Close monitoring of attendance, attitude to work and progress
- Liaison with parents and external agencies
- School counsellor
- External safeguarding adviser

# Support and guidance for next step

- Progression Managers to provide impartial information, advice and guidance: Mr Limbrick & Mrs Carter
- Established links with universities: local and further afield
- Annual UCAS conference, open days, student shadowing, Medlink
- Rigorous support system for UCAS
- Specialist support for early UCAS applicants: Oxbridge, medicine, dentistry, veterinary science: Miss Cassidy

# Sixth Form Facilities

- Post 16 Library
- Common Room
- Breakout space
- Sport@Gosforth café
- Dedicated computer/study rooms
- Gym (after period 2 each day)

# Lunch

- Hot and cold food service available in Sport@Gosforth
- Students are allowed to leave site after break – but we expect exemplary behaviour in the community

# Behaviour and other routines

- Pyramid Code applies for those that need additional support to manage their time and independent learning
- **Lockers: pay online now – key distribution end of September**
- ID badges must be worn at all times & students swipe in and out when entering or leaving school
- No phones out except in Sixth Form spaces: expect them to be confiscated (returned at 3.30 that day)
- Independent Learner Award



# Silent Study and Interventions

- Silent study: period 1 & 2 each day
- Students may only leave site after break (extended to end of period 3 in run up to exams)
- Interventions take place for selected students on main school review days
- Staff also offer revision and booster classes, sometimes in holidays as well as after school

# Medication and First Aid

- Prescription medication stored/issued from First Aid room opposite Main School Student Reception
- Students may carry and administer their own medication

# Visitors

- Parents or other visitors should make an appointment if they want a face to face meeting
- Please sign in at main reception when you arrive at school for a meeting
- During review days, we ask you to meet your son or daughter in main reception before attending the review appointment

# Attendance

- Good attendance is crucial to maximise chances of success
- Parents to ring the Sixth Form absence line each day: 2559040
- Medical appointments etc – note to tutor in advance
- Authorisation of absence is at the principal's discretion
- Absence below for students below 90% will not be authorised unless we have medical evidence
- Traffic light letters keep you up to date with attendance
- Parents can also see attendance & other data through School Gateway
- Detention will run for those with poor punctuality
- Independent Learner Award – must be above 95%

# Why is good attendance important?

## Year 12 End of Year Key In:

- No students with attendance above 96% were predicted below a C grade
- 9% of students with attendance 90-95% were predicted D-U
- 28% of students with attendance below 90% were predicted D-U
  
- 91% of students with attendance above 96% were predicted A\* -B
- 69% of students with attendance 90-95% were predicted A\* -B
- 47% of students with attendance below 90% were predicted A\* -B

## Year 12 End of Year Key In

- The average grade for students with attendance above 95% was A
- The average grade for students with attendance of 90-95% was B
- The average grade for students with attendance below 90% was C

# Communication

## Students

- Check day board in Common Room for messages
- Notices in registration.
- Frog App and Instagram feeds
- Assemblies in Hall once per fortnight

## Parents

- Contact your son or daughter's tutor: email or phone
- Parents should sign up for School Gateway and iPay ([dataupdate@ga.Newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:dataupdate@ga.Newcastle.sch.uk) if you need further information/help)
- Website, texts, emails
- Letters via ParentComms.

# Extra curricular opportunities

- Student Union, Duke of Edinburgh, Hoppings School, World Challenge
- Volunteer work in school: peer mentoring reading mentoring
- Variety of sporting opportunities, including rugby
- Community Award recognises achievements
- Student Union
- Clubs, teams and societies
- Charity events and fundraisers



# Key Dates

- Initial Judgment / Course Suitability: 13.10.23
- Staff Training Day: 3.10.23
- Course Change Week: 16.10.23
- Catch Up Intervention / Lower School Review Days: 14.11.23 & 6.3.24
- Review Appointments with Tutors: w/b 11.11.23 & w/b 24.6.24
- Parents' Conference (face to face): 11.3.24
- Progress Assessments: November, February, June (& reports)
- Year 12 Mock Exams: w/b 15.4.24
- HE Evening: 5.6.24
- Work Experience: w/b 8.7.24
- Progression Week: w/b 15.7.24