



Headteacher: Mr M Hardy

March 2026

Dear Parent

RE: Year 13 Information Letter

I would like to take this opportunity to communicate a few key messages as Year 13 are approaching the final stages of their exam preparation.

Revision

With approx. 10 weeks until the first A Level exam, students have been advised that revision should be ongoing from this point throughout this term and Easter. All subjects will have provided revision guidance, topic lists and practise exam papers for students to use. Our academic mentor Mr Dennison is available to support students with organisation and revision strategies for any individual who needs support. It is expected students use Easter to close any gaps in knowledge and continue revision to ensure success.

Easter Revision: Monday/Tuesday 30-31 March 2026

Some subjects will run Easter revision sessions on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 March 2026. Students will be informed by subject staff if a session is being offered for their A Level.

Formal Exams: 05 May 2026 – 24 June 2026

The formal examination period is between 05 May and 24 June 2026. There are two contingency sessions within the Summer 2026 exam timetable. Students need to stay available on both dates even if they do not have an exam. These dates have been set by the exam boards in case of any unforeseen circumstances. With formal exams it is not possible to reschedule exams due to any personal circumstances as this is a national timetable with all schools around the country following the same schedule to ensure quality assurance. Attendance is therefore crucial throughout this period.

Attached is a copy of the A Level exam timetable for your information.

Year 13 Leavers Assembly: Friday 22 May 2026

Year 13 Leaver's Assembly will be lesson five on Friday 22 May 2026. Students are still expected to attend all lessons for each subject after this date until the final exam in that subject has been taken. This is to ensure staff are able to pass on top tips, support revision and exam skills.

UCAS guidance

Following their mock results, once students have received all their university offers, they will need to decide on their firm and insurance choice. These are based on when we get the last decision in from your universities or colleges. **Check the application to see a student's personal deadline.**

If they receive their last decision on or before **31 March 2026**, the reply date is **6 May 2026** (except if you're using Extra to find a place). If you receive your last decision on or before **13 May 2026**, your reply date is **3 June 2026** (including Extra choices). If you receive your last decision on or before **15 July 2026**, your reply date is **22 July 2026** (including Extra choices).

Please follow the link below to access UCAS what's next booklet that includes further information regarding accepting offers (the document is at the bottom of the page).

Student Finance

Student finance applications open on **23 March** this year. Redhill Trust are offering an online session for parents and students led by NTU to explain the process. The session is at 6pm on Tuesday **17 March**, so prior to student finance opening. The session will last for approximately an hour.

The link to join the event via Microsoft teams is here.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/31296081442523?p=dUNDrA29pVOKDISwt>

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online at www.gov.uk/studentfinance once applications open. The university or college sets the student tuition fee. You should check with them how much each student will be charged for their course, so they can apply for the right amount of Tuition Fee Loan. The Tuition Fee Loan needs to be paid back, but not until a student has finished or left the course, and their income is over the [repayment threshold](#).

It is recommended students apply early to make sure that their funding is in place for the start of their course. If they apply now, they can make sure their application is approved on time, and they can focus on their current studies. Students don't need a confirmed place at university or college to apply for student finance. Students should apply using their preferred choice and they can change their university, college or course details when they get their A-level results. If they decide not to go to university or college this year, they can cancel their application online, so they shouldn't wait to apply

Continuing applications for Apprenticeships

The sixth form team alongside Ms Jane will continue to support all students applying for apprenticeship placements. April is often a key time that new opportunities are advertised so please encourage your child to look out for new adverts via ask apprenticeships site:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/browse-apprenticeships> and the government website. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

A Level Results Day: Thursday 13 August 2026

A Level results day this year will be **Thursday 13 August 2026**. Further information will follow but we wanted you to put the date in your diaries as we are very much looking forward to sharing this special day with our students and offer guidance beyond sixth form. Results will be available to collect from 8am on this day.

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support throughout this challenging year for our Y13 students. In the remaining months we look forward to guiding and encouraging students through these final stages before the celebration events in the summer months.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Barlow
Head of Sixth Form