



The Sixth Form

25th October 2024

Dear Sixth Form Parents and Carers

Academic Monitoring Day for Sixth Form Students Thursday 21st November 2024

In common with many other schools and Sixth Forms, we are always looking for ways to help our students assess their own progress and agree targets for the future with their Tutors, a process generally known as Academic Monitoring. Academic Monitoring has been found to make a real contribution to students' success and confidence, not least because they are able to acquire a sense of ownership and control over their learning.

Sixth Form Tutors have been meeting individually with their tutees once a fortnight. In addition, **Thursday 21st November 2024** has been set aside to carry out a more formal interview. Feedback from last year suggests that your attendance is incredibly valuable and so we would ask parents and carers to attend where possible.

During the day all students will have a 15 minute one-to-one interview at an agreed time with their Tutors in their usual tutor bases (unless other arrangements have been made). Tutors and students will review progress, identify goals to be achieved over the coming year and discuss ways the students can reach their full potential and access a career path of their choosing. Progress Reports will be shared before the meeting.

On the day, usual lessons will not be running for Beaminster students, so they only need to be in school for the time of their interview. However, for any Sixth Form students wanting to work in school the Sixth Form Study Room this will be open for their use. We will talk to students about how they can use the day effectively and will be guiding them towards consolidation work, applying for UCAS, writing a CV or investigating work experience opportunities.

All students must sign in at the Hall on arrival, and must also sign out from the Hall when leaving, for fire regulation purposes. A limited canteen service will be provided and normal school transport will be running.

The time for each student interview will be negotiated by students with their Tutor, and once agreed students will confirm this with you.

The Beaminster School Parent Teacher Association (BSPTA) do a brilliant job of supporting the school by raising money for things that we would not otherwise be able to afford. They are now gearing up for the **Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November**. If you are able to support the school and the BSPTA by **bringing in a bottle or some chocolates** on Academic Monitoring Day that would be really appreciated. The BSPTA will have a table in the Hall to accept your donations for their tombola/raffle. Any donations made after this can be dropped at Reception at any time.

Please feel free to contact your child's Tutor if you have any queries about Academic Monitoring, and I know that we can count on your support for this important day.

Yours sincerely

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