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SGS SIXTH NEWSLETTER



HEADS OF SIXTH FORM WELCOME

We are delighted to share the first edition of our parent newsletter, which will be published every half term on our website. Here you will find useful information about the upcoming term, and dates for your diary, along with a highlight of the previous term and all of the events that amazed us and made us proud of our Sixth Form community.

It has been a busy first term, but we have both been delighted with the progress our learners are already making and the fantastic attitude towards their learning. From fantastic effort in lessons, to a community spirit on Culture Day - we are excited to see our Sixth Formers grow and develop even more next term. Keep it up!

The first of our progress reports are now visible on ParentPortal and ProPortal for parents and learners to look at and monitor progress, so if you missed the Parents Information Evening at the start of the term, please find a guide on how to access these in the newsletter.

Gary Parsons and Becky Riddell
Heads of Sixth Form



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Sixth Form

CULTURE DAY

The Events Academy, a group of AS learners responsible for designing and hosting termly events in the Sixth Form, opened their social calendar this year with a celebration of our diverse learner cohort with the first 'Sixth Form Culture Day'. Learners and staff were invited to wear their cultural clothing to college, share music from their culture and bring and share food.

Learners from St. Lucia, Algeria, Portugal, Italy, Wales, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Pakistan, India and more all joined in the fun - and this was all complemented by flags from around the world made by our talented learners in the Crafts Academy.

An honourable mention to Amber Stone - Head of Events Academy socials for hosting and running the social media for the event. Follow the Events Academy @sixth.social (Instagram).

Their next event will be a Christmas celebration and the Academy will also be organising an end of year party and a trip to Alton Towers, so keep an eye out for further details.

Oxbridge and University applications

This year we have been delighted to support nine applications to Oxbridge, Dentistry, Veterinary Science or Medical degrees. These applications are an accomplishment in themselves, and we look forward to supporting and celebrating all students on their Oxbridge journey.

Learners intending to apply for Oxbridge or Russell group universities are supported every step of the way through the Honours Academy which gives bespoke guidance and support for applying to top universities.

Learners wishing to study Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science, also receive bespoke support through the Medical Academy, which is new for this year. Both of these academies meet every week and help build the skills in our aspirational learners to be able to compete for places on these prestigious university courses.

The rest of our A2 cohort have benefited from the expertise of both UWE and the University of Gloucester who have delivered sessions in tutorial on exactly what universities look for in a UCAS Personal Statement. All A2 learners should be writing their personal statements over the next couple of months with the final deadline for submitting their full application to us being the 14th December.

We wish all our A2 learners the best of luck with their university applications over the next couple of months.



SIXTH FORM TALKS



We have kicked our Sixth Form talks series off this half term with a variety of guest speakers from a range of organisations. These have included the University of South Wales, UWE and the University of Gloucester who have provided excellent talks about university applications. We have also hosted a talk from Fairfield Enterprise about careers in the finance industry. Lastly we have also hosted several academics from a range of universities as part of our STEM@Lunch talks, which have included 'How to build a wind tunnel' and 'Designing Sustainable Buildings'.

Our talks programme is advertised to learners through the announcement team on Microsoft Teams so we encourage our learners to make sure that their announcements are on for this team.

Our talks for the next term include:

- ★ **Tuesday 8th of November:** Help with Applying to University - University of Exeter
- ★ **Wednesday 9th November:** Careers in Sport - Cardiff Met University
- ★ **Tuesday 15th November:** The Only Way is Ethics - SGS Sixth Staff
- ★ **Tuesday 22 November:** Life as a University Student - University of Gloucester
- ★ **Friday 25th November:** STEM@Lunch - 8 Things I Learnt on my way to becoming a Patent Attorney - Dr George Margelis, Withers and Rogers LLP
- ★ **Thursday 1st December:** Why choose UoB - University of Bristol
- ★ **Friday 9th December:** STEM@Lunch - NHS Blood and Transport - Andrew Barker, NHS Blood and Transplant

All our talks take place in the Sixth Form Library at lunchtimes from 12:45 and are open to all our learners.

TRIPS WEEK

The last week of the half term was 'Trips Week' with many exciting trips taking place in different subjects. These trips helped to cement new friendships whilst also giving learners the opportunity to learn outside the classroom and be influenced by experts. Some of trips that occurred this year in trips week included:

- A2 English Language learners visited the British Library and contributed their own 'slang' to the Urban Dictionary.
- Criminology and Law learners were guests of the Crown Court for a Q and A with a Judge and sat in on a live trial.
- Applied Science learners were welcomed to the NHS Blood and transplant service to see what real life laboratories looked like.
- History learners explored The Red Lodge museum - One of Bristol's oldest buildings and a rare Tudor survivor in the centre of Bristol.
- Psychology learners visited UWE's Glenside campus and the Glenside Hospital Museum.
- A group from across all year groups spent the day at University of Gloucester getting a taste of University life.



Policing Degrees at UWE

We welcomed representatives from the University of West of England into our Legal Academy this term to talk about Policing Degrees.

The talks led by the course director, Christian Butler, explored what you need to get onto a policing degree as well as what to expect from working in the Police whilst studying.

We are looking forward to building this relationship further with visits to the forensics lab and crime scene house at UWE later in the year.



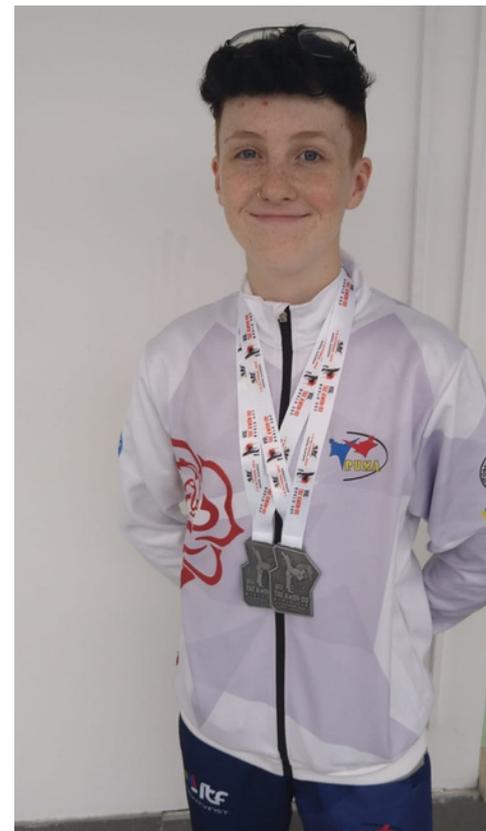
World Championship Success

We are immensely proud that one of our learners, Rowan Graham, recently represented P.U.M.A Tae Kwon-do at the 2022 World Cup in Slovenia becoming a double Silver Medalist!

Rowan has been training and competing since he was 6 and we know all of his teachers and friends are extremely proud of his achievements. Well done, Rowan, from all of us at SGS Sixth Form.

Picture taken from: Rowan's gofundme:

<https://gofund.me/c12e9216>





Focus on: TUTORIALS

Tutor Contact details

Below is a list of personal tutors for parents and learners to contact if they are concerned or want an update on progress.

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Every learner at SGS Sixth is allocated a personal tutor. The tutor is both the learners, and parents, main contact for any questions or issues during their studies and can guide learners to support mechanisms in the college.

Tutors can refer learners for wellbeing and learning support, careers advice and guidance and for an Exam Access Arrangement appointment if learners have had these previously. Tutors also give individual guidance and support to learners through termly 1:1 where they discuss progress, grades and attendance whilst also helping the learner set targets and goals.

Learners also meet their tutor weekly for a group tutorial with their peers. So far this year group tutorials have looked at Black History Month, Wellbeing and what 'British Values' really mean. Next term topics will include coping with stress, preparing for the January mock exams and getting career ready.

We are always happy to welcome contributors to our speakers and tutorial programme. If you believe you could offer something relevant and engaging for our Sixth Formers please get in touch with:

Tahnee Chambers, Deputy Head of Sixth Form
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CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Every term, we ask our teachers to nominate learners that they feel have performed amazingly.

This term, our teachers would specifically like to mention the outstanding progress of the following learners:



ELANOR MCCORMICK

WILL SHEPHARD

MICAH FORREST

HERMIONE LLOYD-BUSSELL

ADRI RAZUMNOVA

OLLIE MONK

ANA FERREIRA

AMELIE SMITH

ZAC TOMLIN

CHERRY HEYWARD

BRYCE GAPPER GRACE PARFITT JAMES NELSON LILYA SELMI

ELEANOR LOURENCO

AMBER STONE

GEORGE NELSON

JASMINE JOOMUN

LAURA HARTY

ALFIE HABERFIELD

ANMOL KRISHNA

GRACE SMALLCOMBE

KENNY NEWBURY

BEE HARDING-BENTLEY

We celebrate success with our learners. All nominations will be displayed on the television on the ground floor and learners nominated will go through to the learner of the term award. With the overall winner being announced after the half term break.

CONGRATULATIONS

DATES FOR

YOUR DIARY

Key dates

Formal Assessment 1 Window - Closes on 14th October

GCSE English and Maths Retakes - Monday 31st October - Monday 7th November

SGS whole college open event - Saturday 26th November

Parents Evening - Wednesday 29th November

UCAS Personal Statement deadline - Wednesday 14th December

Students finish for Christmas holidays - Thursday 15th December

Parents Evening will be held online, via TEAMS. You will shortly be sent information on how to book appointments with subject teachers.



Parent Portal

New for this year, Parent Portal provides access to a range of information to help parents and guardian's support their child's journey at SGS Sixth and is now live.

Keep track on:

- Academic Progress
- Attendance and punctuality
- Timetables
- Exams information
- We provide reports on progress at the end of every half term

The first learner reports of the year are now available to view on Parent Portal. To sign up for Parent Portal, please visit

www.sgscol.ac.uk/parent-portal

Learners can also access their reports through ProPortal. To do this, learners just need to access ProPortal through the eCampus tab on their teams account..



WANT TO JOIN US?



Not yet part of our Sixth Form? Applications for 2023 are now live!

- Find out more about the subjects we offer and our academies programme by visiting sixth.sgscol.ac.uk
- Applications for next year can be made now on our website.
- Come see us in person! Our next open event is on Saturday 26th November 2022

