

12 June 2025

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Year 12 Next Steps

I wanted to remind you of a few things that are ongoing with our current Year 12 cohort of students:

- The Year 12 mock exams will take place in the week starting Monday 16 June and run for approximately five days. Please be reassured that the outcome of these examinations will not be the grade used for estimated grades for any university, employment and apprenticeship applications. The mock performance will be just one factor that feeds into a holistic overall judgement. Students should be preparing for these exams and have been issued with their revision timetables.
- Our Open Day visits to the University of Hull and Newcastle University will take place in the week following mock exams. These trips are now closed for booking. The visit to Hull University will take place on Wednesday 25 June and will take place only during school hours. Students will have the opportunity to purchase something for lunch on the day, from the facilities on site, but may also bring a packed lunch if they wish to do so. The visit to Newcastle University will take place on Friday 27 June. For this visit we will be leaving the school site at 7.30 am and returning for approximately 5.30 pm. Please arrange to collect your child if necessary. Again, students will be able to collect their lunch or purchase something on site. On both days, students will be able to book into a range of sessions and we will share these details with students shortly.
- If you and your child have been looking at other open days in different locations, which occur during school times, please feel free to attend them. You just need to let us know through the usual Sixth Form absence procedure.

Finally I would like to remind you that I will be hosting the “Next Steps” information evening from 6 - 7.30 pm on Thursday 12 June, in the East Hall, where I will provide information and guidance on all the options available to your child after they complete their studies with us. This will include information on university applications, student finance, apprenticeships and other options.

In our final weeks, as well as exploring the options available post 16, completing and feeding back from mock examinations (with individual 1:1 conversations with the Sixth Form team) and starting the teaching of Year 13 content, we will be carrying out a summer programme of Student Union activities. These will culminate in a full day event on Tuesday 15 July which will be the Year 12's final day of the year as the school timetable collapses from the 16 – 18 July for a range of whole school activities.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all the support that you have offered your child and the Sixth Form over this last year. Student outcomes are always best where we work effectively in partnership together and I look forward to this continuing as your child enters Year 13. I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Andrews'. The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'D' and a cursive 'Andrews'.

Mr D Andrews
Head of Sixth Form.