



**FORT
PITT**
GRAMMAR
SCHOOL

**Year 12
Information
Evening 2020**

What we offer...

- Personalised, bespoke study programmes
- Rigorous tracking and monitoring
- Planned interventions to support each student
- High quality learning and teaching
- Wide range of super and extra curricular activities
- Valuable enrichment programme
- Aspirational onward pathways



Our expectations...

- National expectation is 96% attendance
- Poor attendance does impact on grades achieved
- Please continue to phone in on each day of absence
- Work can be requested from teachers if needed
- Planned absences – please complete relevant form
- If student is ill during the day, we will contact you before they leave school

Our expectations...

- Leaders within the school
- Consideration
- Courtesy and respect

Our expectations...

- Hard work
- Motivation
- Drive to achieve their best
- Goal oriented
- Focused

Tracking and monitoring...

Target Grade:

The grade a student is expected to achieve based on prior attainment and assuming no barriers to learning.

Potential Grade:

In a teachers professional opinion, the grade a student is likely to achieve at the end of the course.

Tracking and monitoring...

- Target Grades will be set for your child for the end of Y13
- Potential Grade data will be collected throughout the school year
- Any concerns please contact class teacher/Head of Department in the first instance

Independent Study...

- Students receive 12 taught lessons per subject, plus one enrichment lesson
- All other lessons are independent study periods – students should come prepared
- Have discussed with students the difference between:
 - Independent study
 - Homework
 - Revision

Independent study ideas...

- Complete weekly planner
- Pre-reading for each lesson
- Recap notes from previous lesson
- Go through notes and list any questions they may have
- Transform notes to a different format
- Plan answers to exam questions
- Write an answer to an exam question under timed conditions
- Wider reading

Exam preparation...

- Students will practice exam technique within subjects/ departments throughout the year
- End of year exams will happen at the beginning of term 6 for Y12
- End of year examinations will go towards the predicted grades for early UCAS applications
- These will ensure entry requirements for Y13 are met.

Enrichment...

Y12 Programme provides opportunities for:

- Extra - curricular activities
- Super - curricular activities
- Planning work experience
- External speakers
- Researching pathways
- Learning how to manage stress
- Revision strategies
- Exam technique
- Current Affairs
- Preparing for applications

Extra-curricular activities...

- SAM
- Student Leadership Team
- Subject Prefect
- School Council
- Peer mentoring
- Diversity Alliance
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Me2
- NCS

*COVID-19 caveat



Super-curricular activities...

- Y12 students will receive ideas about super-curricular activities for every course they study
- MOOCs – Massive Open Online Courses
- EPQ – Extended Project Qualification

Careers support, advice and guidance...

- External speakers (via Zoom?)
- Unifrog
- UCAS support
- Work experience

Work experience/Voluntary work...

- Work experience – have built this into the Enrichment Programme
- Voluntary work shows a different side
- Link to your child's programme of study
- Focus on career goal/dream
- What can the placement offer that will be beneficial for their onward applications?



Oxbridge/Russell Group...

- Oxford **or** Cambridge University – can only apply to one
- Apply by 15th October 2021 – need to ensure everything is in place this year
- Investigate Summer Schools and Subject seminars
 - Sutton Trust
 - UNIQ
 - Make links with course tutors

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Russell Group...

University of Birmingham

University of Bristol

University of Cambridge

Cardiff University

Durham University

University of Edinburgh

University of Exeter

University of Glasgow

Imperial College, London

Kings College, London

University of Leeds

University of Liverpool

LSE

University of Manchester

Newcastle University

University of Nottingham

University of Oxford

Queen Mary University of London

Queens University Belfast

University of Sheffield

University of Southampton

University College London

University of Warwick

University of York



Degree Apprenticeships...

- Highly selective
- 4 year apprenticeships
- Earn while you learn
- Employers pay for the degree qualification
- Highly competitive

Level 4 Apprenticeships...

- Step up from A levels
- Range of 'fields'
- High quality training for the workplace

How you can support at home...

- Provide a quiet place to study
- Students should be studying for an additional 10 hours per subject, per week (some will be done in school!)
- Ensure children(?) are eating properly and drinking plenty of water
- Try to regulate sleep routines
- Build in time for relaxation
- Accept that certain times of the year may be quite stressful
- Encourage the completion of extra and super curricular activities
- Ensure paid work amounts to no more than 10 hours per week



KEY CONTACTS

- Mrs S Doran – Head of Sixth Form
- Mr Jennings – Head of Year 12
- Mrs J Lingham – Sixth Form Administrator
- Mr Blight – Oxbridge/Russell Group/Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary

Thank you for listening...

- If you have any questions please contact:
- Academic questions/issues – Class teacher/Head of Department
- Pastoral questions/issues – ljennings@fortpitt.medway.sch.uk