



Sixth Sense

Which Week?

This Week: Monday 11th Sept (Week 1)

Next week: Monday 18th Sept (Week 2)

Welcome Back!

It gives me tremendous please to welcome you ALL, either back to Year 13 for your final year working towards your personal goal of securing that place at university or with an apprenticeship provider or employer, or indeed to Sixth Form (as a Year 12) student having earned the right to do so through the successful completion of your GCSEs. The Sixth Form is our favourite thing in the world and we always feel so privileged to play a part in supporting you through these important academic year that require more work than you have ever committed to your studies, but ones that will bring unprecedented reward at the end! This make **EVERY** effort to attend, apply yourself in lessons and study outside of lessons so incredibly worth it!

Avignon, France



Prioritising Punctuality!

Unsurprisingly, maintaining outstanding attendance and punctuality are highly valued attributes and traits that we find in the very best achieving students within the Sixth Form.

The mantra of 'getting out what you put it' is a simple statement

to live by and will never fail to provide reassurance that if you are consciously working hard to attain progress over perfection, that you **WILL** see improvement and **WILL** get better!

The pedestrian gate, located next to the zebra crossing, is now the only entry point for students in the morning.

A warning bell sounds at 8.25am, 5 minutes prior to the start of school at 8.30am. All students are required to arrive by this time.

This gate will remain open until 9am, however a 'late gate' will operate following the 8.30am bell.

PLEASE ensure that you set-off for school in good time to arrive prior to this point, whilst factoring-in a degree of variability for the 'smoothness' of your journey or weather that may slow you down.

The picture above reflects a notice a school in France need to put up in order to ask their parents to literally stop 'throwing' their students over the closed school gates! PLEASE do not go to these lengths or ask anyone to launch you over the fence!

- Students are permitted one pair of plain stud earrings (silver or gold). These are to be worn in the lower ear lobe only. **No other piercings are allowed (nose, tongue or upper ear etc.)**
- Watches may be worn, but no bracelets except charity and medical bracelets.
- Students may wear a discreet amount of mascara only.
- Nail varnish or false nails are not allowed; nails should be of a safe length to avoid injury to self or others.

KEY Info

Please find the following 'quick start' guide to starting Sixth Form this year, based upon some of the questions that have already been relayed to the Sixth Form team by yourselves or indeed, your tutors.

Our goal is for Sixth Form students to lead the academy in maintaining the highest standards of respect, responsibility and readiness to learn and make us proud in doing so.

Mobile Phones

The Sixth Form Common Room is the only place where mobile phones and air pods etc. may be used. Once you leave this space, these need to be put away (this includes our outside space outside of the main reception).

ID Cards

New ID cards and (gold!) LANYARDS should be issued to you all during Monday or Tuesday. Please ensure you are wearing these at all times to identify you as a member of the Academy. Cards will permit you to get into the Common Room corridor and into D Block via the card readers.

Jewellery

Unlike the other year groups, Sixth Form have the privilege of being able to wear jewellery. This rule is consistent with that of the previous year (nothing has changed), where . A link to the dress code can be [found here](#).

Break Time Social Areas

Just a reminder that you are NOT just confide to the Common Room and the outside area to the Main Reception. You are permitted in the dining area and outside area by the Pavilion and Amphitheatre space.

National Online Safety: Online Safety Tips



This week's online safety guide focuses on online safety tips for students. Given that the vast majority of students will have some degree of online presence through their favoured platforms, the one page guide takes a look at how to tackle a range of potential risks such as personal information, strangers and cyberbullying. This can be found on Page 2.



National Online Safety®

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Online Safety Tips For Children

Do's

Don'ts

- 1 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE ONLINE**
Only share it with people you know like friends and family. Ask a trusted adult, like your teacher or a family member, to help you change your privacy settings so that strangers can't see it.
- 2 SPEAK POLITELY AND BE KIND TO OTHERS WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM ONLINE**
Treat them like you would treat them in real life and always remember your manners.
- 3 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED ONLINE**
If other another person is sending you nasty messages, a trusted adult will be able to help you collect evidence and report the person to the relevant authorities.
- 4 USE PASSWORDS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**
Ask a trusted adult to help you create a password that you can easily remember but which is hard for other people to guess.
- 5 ALWAYS CHECK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT FIRST BEFORE USING A DEVICE OR DOWNLOADING A NEW APP**
This is so that they can check it is safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right.
- 6 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ONLINE WHICH YOU DON'T LIKE**
This can include anything that upsets you, makes you feel sad or which you're unsure about.
- 7 USE THE INTERNET TO HAVE FUN AND TO HELP YOU FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS**
Remember to ask your trusted adult for help and always use child friendly search engines so that the information you get back is safe.

- 1 ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS OR PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW**
Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know tries to contact you online.
- 2 SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR DEVICE**
Instead, go out and play with your friends, get some fresh air and try to exercise more. This will help you stay fit and healthy.
- 3 REPLY TO MESSAGES FROM ONLINE BULLIES OR PEOPLE WHO SEND YOU NASTY MESSAGES**
The most important thing to do is to tell a trusted adult and then block the person from contacting you.
- 4 COPY PEOPLE'S WORK ONLINE OR PRETEND IT IS YOURS**
This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.
- 5 BE MEAN OR NASTY ONLINE**
Behave online like you would in real life and don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person. Things that you post online can stay there for a very long time.
- 6 USE YOUR DEVICES CLOSE TO BEDTIME**
This will allow your brain to rest so that you can get a good night's sleep, stay focused at school and perform better in class.
- 7 SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET WITH STRANGERS**
Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know asks you for your personal information.

