

How time flies when you're having fun!!

As we reach the end of the first half term the Sixth Form Team would like to thank the Sixth Form learners and dedicated staff for all their hard work and contribution to school life.

The start of a new academic year is always busy.

Year 13s are busy completing their UCAS Personal Statements or making sure they have C.Vs and letters of application ready for future apprenticeships or job opportunities.

Year 12s have now experienced their first half term in Sixth Form and are settling in, meeting the expectations required to be successful learners. They have volunteered to mentor lower school pupils either by supporting them in lessons or helping them improve their reading. They have also taken a reading test of their own to see how they are progressing against their chronological age. Mrs Clayden was very happy to have the score of a 20 year old, which was almost top marks, even though her chronological age is a shade over 21!

There have been many trips organised this half term including to Bletchley Park, a careers event at Elland Road (Leeds, Leeds, Leeds!), the international slavery museum in Liverpool and an imminent trip to the Houses of Parliament for History. We also held a successful Transition Day for Year 12s where they gained study skills for Sixth Form life and channelled their creative flair! A speaker from Anthony Nolan Trust talked in Lifetracks about blood and organ donations and last week we talked about the legalities and dangers of fireworks. We also held a successful post-18 information, advice and guidance evening.

Life doesn't get any slower after the holiday as we move towards the Christmas break. UCAS applications will need to be completed, the Sixth Form Open Evening and the Sixth Form Committee is hoping to have a charity day to help raise money for a yet to be decided good cause. The first data collection will be made which will allow us all to see how everyone is doing as we move towards the Progress Exams for Year 13 in January and the progress against each learner's School Agreed Targets.

### Dates for your diaries

End of half term	Friday 19 October
Re-open	Monday 29 October
Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 7 November
Year 13 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 20 November
School deadline for UCAS applications	Saturday 1 December
Deadline for UCAS applications	Tuesday 15 January (but aim for earlier)
End of autumn term	Wednesday 19 December
Re-open	Thursday 3 January
Year 13 Progress Exams	Thursday 3 - Friday 11 January

**Mr Redhead, Miss Lockerbie, Mrs Clayden**

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