



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you have all had a good start to the New Year. As we begin the new term, I am writing with two updates for parents/carers of Year 12 students.

Home study privilege

In the Spring term of Year 12, students may be granted the privilege of signing out for home study at 1.30pm if they do not have a timetabled lesson in the final period of the day. Students must still be present in school for any supervised study sessions (as indicated on their timetable). The home study privilege only applies to regular study periods and any cancelled lessons. This privilege will begin on **Monday 15 January**.

The decision to grant the home study privilege is based on factors including attendance, punctuality, progress and behaviour. I have informed a small number of students that they are not currently permitted to sign out for home study, and will contact their parents separately.

The privilege is reviewed regularly and may be withdrawn if a student's situation changes and we feel they now need to be supported in school. Similarly, the privilege may be reinstated for students who have made improvement in the relevant criteria.

Study periods should be used for private study, not part-time work.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you do not want your daughter to be given the home study privilege.

Next Steps support

As we are now well into the academic year we are beginning to provide Year 12 students with support in considering their choices and options when thinking about life after AHS. During the next term both the Sixth Form team, and the amazing tutors supporting each form group, will focus on encouraging students to consider a wide range of options, and provide a number of tools to help students to make well-informed decisions about their futures.

One of the key events in our ongoing programme of Next Steps support, is the **Next Steps Evening** for Year 12 students and their parents/carers which will take place on **Tuesday 6 February from 6.00pm - 8.00pm**.

There are two strands to this evening:

1. An **information fair** where representatives of universities, employers and organisations will be available to answer questions and distribute information
2. A range of **short, optional talks**

In advance of this evening, both the form tutors and the Sixth Form team will work with the students to ensure that they can get the most out of this evening by reviewing the institutions who will be attending, as well as thinking about the kind of useful questions that students can ask.



More information will be sent out shortly. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions in the meantime or wish to discuss any other matters.

Kind regards

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