



## SIXTH FORM – MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### **Education Maintenance Allowance**

Students can apply for EMA if their parents earn below a set sum per year (£30,000). It isn't affected by any money you earn from part time work, and won't make any difference to any benefits your parents get.

EMA comes in weekly payments of £10, £20 or £30 which goes directly into your bank.

Payment of EMA is dependant on good attendance and progress. On top of your weekly amount you also receive bonuses – but only if you meet your targets set by your teacher.

More information can be found on EMA at: [www.ema.direct.gov.uk](http://www.ema.direct.gov.uk) or ring the helpline on 0800 1218989

### **Year 12 induction**

Yr12 students received an all day induction on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept delivered by the prestigious external agency 'Live n Learn', with a focus on stepping up from level 2 to 3 qualifications.

### **'New' Sixth Form area open**

The new sixth form opened boasting excellent facilities including a large open plan common room, kitchen unit, photocopier, plasma screen, private study area, careers room, with 8 PC's and tables.

### **Record student uptake**

The Sixth Form recruitment and retention has achieved a new record by enrolling 48 students in year 12 and retaining 31 students in year 13, totalling 79 students.

### **Yr6 Induction Days**

Over 30 sixth form students assisted with the College Yr6 Induction Days regarding our feeder primary schools on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September. Thank you for volunteering your time and support!

### **Leadership & Volunteering**

All students have signed up to 1hr a week leadership and volunteering experience of their choice. Some have opted for assistance in the community whilst others have chosen to help in subject areas including teacher assistants, study buddy and more!

### **UCAS**

Students who have expressed an interest in applying for University will participate in the College UCAS support programme. Parents have already received a letter and parental guide whilst the students will attend sessions every Tuesday tutor time to assist with their application process. For further information can be found at: [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

### **Enrichment opportunities**

A new Enrichment Programme has been introduced . It takes place every Wednesday afternoon with options for students including recreational activities, leadership opportunities and gaining extra qualification in ICT and AS General Studies.

### **Private Study**

All students will be expected to designate 1 hour per fortnight for A level and 2hrs per vocational subject for each subject studied. This will support the academic demands of the courses selected.

### **Mentoring programme**

Students will engage in the sixth form individual mentoring programme with their form tutor to discuss targets, progress, revision, UCAS, careers, reporting etc

### **Student council representatives**

Amy Walker and Jasmine Harvey in year 12 are currently representing Leominster in the Herefordshire Youth Council for 11-18yr olds.

### **House Matches introduced**

For the first time the house system has been continued into the sixth form. Every half term recreational activities including netball, football, table tennis, tennis and rounders will be organised and trophies awarded.

### **Challenge Days**

Every term a Challenge day will be organised for the sixth form. These will include opportunities to take part in water sports, quadbiking and paintballing.

### **Hereford United Football Club Academy**

12 students have signed up to the newly established Academy organised by Hereford United FC. The new link provides professional training and coaching.

### **Catering survey**

In order to offer a service that is right for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Cygnet Catering provided a questionnaire requesting students ideas.

### **Young Enterprise**

The Business group includes: Sophie Smith, Ed Healey, Helena Wilkinson, Ella Brotherton, Charlene Read, Lauren Jacks, Naomi Matthews, Chris Thompson and Jasmine Harvey....more details to follow!!

### **Weekly sporting activities include**

Weds – Hockey

Thu – Netball Academy

Fri – Swimming & 5 a side football

### **KEY DATES**

15<sup>th</sup> October – Progress Review Check

2nd November – HE Fair at Worcester University

4<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening

17<sup>th</sup> November - Sixth Form Open Evening at the EMC.

30<sup>th</sup> November –Internal exams

