

Dear Year 12

I hope that this email finds you all safe and well with your families at this difficult time. The world right now has a number of problems and you are the next generation of amazing young people who will be out there solving some of these issues in the years to come. It is for this reason that I am emailing you, you may have heard that when you return to school, I will be your new Head of sixth form. It doesn't seem that long ago that I was visiting lots of you in your primary schools! I am excited to be able to support you again and be there at the end of your journey through Hanley Castle High School.

My ethos and philosophy hasn't changed much and is still not very complicated in terms of what I believe will provide you with the best experience. As a KS5 team our priorities are fairly simple, not accepting second best for you or from you, the widest possible range of high quality experiences that are personal to you and your goals, early identification and support of academic and pastoral issues and excellent communication with you all. With a clear focus on lots of hard work, these things are eminently achievable and will deliver what I hope most of you want; to be able to leave Hanley Castle well equipped to follow your dreams whatever they may be.

To reassure you all regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on your goals; I have a very clear plan for you all to ensure that you are not disadvantaged. This will include UCAS, apprenticeships and next steps support being an absolute priority on your return. We will ensure that you are in the best possible position to fulfill all your ambitions.

Once back in school we will be providing specific careers support sessions for areas that you are interested in, to this end could I ask you to complete the Microsoft forms link below. This is so that we can capture your information to start putting personal plans in place to support you. Making decisions like this can seem really difficult on your own, to help with this we have attached some amazing guidance, collated by Mrs Price, to help you focus on what it is you really want. It is my firm belief that if you have a goal then that is half the battle. We will then support you with a plan and help equip you with the tools to achieve that goal.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=P017pBkXkE-8TQEHDi9HJznZMjUodMNChwlygKOcn5hUOEIOTFVaRzIzUUhBNTBIOVhYRExSVU5BQI4u>

Once back in school we will also provide you with extra time and support in front of teachers to ensure that all of the topics and concepts that you have been working hard on via ePraise are consolidated and misconceptions addressed. It is really important to stress however, that keeping on top of the work currently being set is essential so that you can make the best possible start to year 13.

Finally, this is obviously a time of great change for us all, however change is just another opportunity. Please do let me know if there are any additional changes that you would like to see in **your** sixth form. I really am looking to embrace any positive changes to make your experience the best it can be.

Really looking forward to seeing you all soon, if you need anything please ask

Kind regards

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