

September 2021

Year 12 Welcome Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Elliott Hudson College and introduce myself as the Principal of the college. We are aware that starting life at a new college can be a time of anxiety, both for students and for you as parents/carers. However, I do also hope that this is a time of new beginnings and that you and the students are excited by the new opportunities ahead. As a college, we hope that the next two years will be a time that positively shapes the future of all our students, building in them a sense of optimism and possibility.

Year 12 Parents' Welcome Event

All parents and carers are warmly invited to an information evening on Monday 20 September from 6pm to 7.30pm at Elliott Hudson College. We hope that the evening will be an opportunity find out more about the key differences that your son/daughter will experience moving from GCSEs to an A Level programme of study. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet your son/daughter's Alliance Leader and Guidance Tutor.

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions, there are a limited number of face to face places at the event. The evening will however be available to access online for all. If you would prefer to attend in person please complete the following request form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=B8A_Fuyi_kWuiFSbkEUXgSwip6UYiFIGhQMmBS0nEsNUNk8wTVo1QVIOQjNFSjdYMjdUVTU0QU9HSS4u

The deadline for this is Wednesday 15 September at 4pm. We will confirm allocation of places on Thursday 16th September. For your safety and that of our college community you will be required to provide either of the following on arrival:

- Confirmation of a NHS lateral flow test
- Confirmation that you are fully vaccinated or have immunity through the NHS app (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass>)

Please also ensure that you do not attend the event if you are experiencing any Covid related symptoms or are awaiting the results of a PCR test.

It is our core belief that all students can be successful if they adopt the right habits. We know from experience that successful A Level students need to adapt to the increased demands that advanced level study brings. We also know that as a college we need to support students as they transition from Year 11 to Post 16 study. Ensuring the health and wellbeing of our students is a priority and therefore throughout the evening we will outline the various support structures in place at the college as well as provide you with a variety of practical strategies that students can utilise to prevent stress from inhibiting successful exam preparation and performance.

The role of the Guidance Tutor

All students in Year 12 have been allocated a Guidance Tutor who will support them throughout their time with us. This person should be your first point of contact should you have any questions or concerns about your son/daughter. The email addresses of all Guidance Tutors can be found at the foot of this letter. One reason that students at the college are so successful in examinations is that we carefully track and monitor the progress of each student and aim to intervene quickly when we have concerns. We will provide all parents/carers with three progress reports throughout the year and you will have an opportunity to meet your son/daughters' teachers on the first parents' evening of the year. This will take place on Tuesday 30th November. However, please be assured that if we do have significant concerns members of the Year 12 Alliance Team will make contact as quickly as possible.

Parent/Carer Handbook

It is our hope that we can form a positive and supportive relationship with all our parents and carers, working together to ensure that all of our students have the best possible foundation upon which they can build their futures. To this end, we ask for your support in reinforcing the routines and expectations that can be found in the Parent/Carer and Student Handbooks. All students have now received their handbook and a copy of the Parent/Carer Handbook will be available at the Information Evening and on our website.

Financial Support

Finally, Elliott Hudson College believes passionately that economic status should not be a barrier to a rigorous academic education. All students have been provided with information about the student bursary, a fund that is available at the college to support the education of economically disadvantaged young people. Please take the time to look at this information, which explains the eligibility and application procedure.

Yours faithfully



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