

CROMPTON HOUSE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

► Year 12 Parents' Welcome Information Evening, Tuesday 28th September 2021

Wise words..?

"Successful students work beyond their classwork, beyond homework, and immerse themselves in their subjects"



TONIGHT

- ✓ The structure of A levels
- Expectations managing the transition from GCSE to A Level
- Monitoring assessment and support
- ✓ The Academic Tutor System supporting, monitoring and guidance for students.
- Opportunities within Sixth Form
- ✓ The Extended Project Qualification, PSHE & Work Experience
- Preparation for Higher Education or the world of work

Assistant Head Teacher Head of Sixth Form - Mr Smith

Sixth Form team



Deputy Head of Sixth Form - Dr L Whitworth



Pastoral Administrator - Mrs J Atkins





Assistant Head of Sixth Form – Dr S Pannell



ACADEMIC TUTORS



Mr Ashworth



Mrs Owen



Mr Kelly



Mrs Whittaker



Miss Hollin



Mrs Kan



Mr Leyland



Mrs E Lomas



Mrs Mcivor



Mrs S Smith



Mrs L Lomas



Mrs Robinson



Mrs Hammond



Mrs A Smith



Mrs Charnock



Miss Shaw

Sixth Form Team



- Mr Smith Head of Sixth Form
- Dr Whitworth Deputy Head of Sixth Form
- Dr Pannell Assistant Head of Sixth Form
- Mrs Atkins Assistant Head of Year/ Pastoral Administrator Ext 269 j.atkins@cromptonhouse.org
- Mrs Fraser Positive Steps Careers Advisor Ext 263 <u>adelefraser@positive-steps.org.uk</u>

Help – settling in - Things can get too much at times



There is always help at hand:

- Speak to your Academic Tutor
- Ask subject teachers for help
- Ask fellow students prefects/student management team
- Sixth Form Team
- Parents
- Always communicate with people we are always willing to help

Structure of A levels

- All students are on a 2 year linear course – 9 hours per fortnight, per subject
- All students have to take 3 A Level subjects (extras – some start with 4, Core Maths (1 year), EPQ)
- All subjects are assessed internally in the summer term – June. This can be through either coursework, examination or both, dependent on the subject



Managing the transition from GCSE to A Level

- Independent Study
- Time Management
- Wider Reading
- Homework/Classwork
- Work/Life Balance
- Communication







- Treated like young adults
- Students have the freedom to come and go as they please
- Free periods should be used as study periods
- Students are able to leave site if they have no lessons
- They are also allowed to come in late if they do not have a lesson until later on in the day (except for assembly and PSHE days)

Sixth form life - routine



- Students are expected to be in every Wednesday morning at 8.40 for Sixth Form Assembly or Collective Worship and a Green Tuesday for PSHE
- All students have to swipe in and out of the Sixth Form Centre, this is a safeguarding issue so we are aware who is on site and when
- All students must attend all lessons
- Absence to be reported by parent or guardian to Mrs Atkins Ext.269 before 9.00am
- Appointments inc driving lessons, are expected to be made outside of school time if possible and bring notification

NEED TO GET IT RIGHT FIRST TIME

- Universities frown on students re-sitting the year.
 Students need to get this right first time round especially with new entry criteria and linear examinations
- Resitting exams some universities especially the Russell Group Universities and Oxbridge do not accept students who have done resits – worth bearing in mind



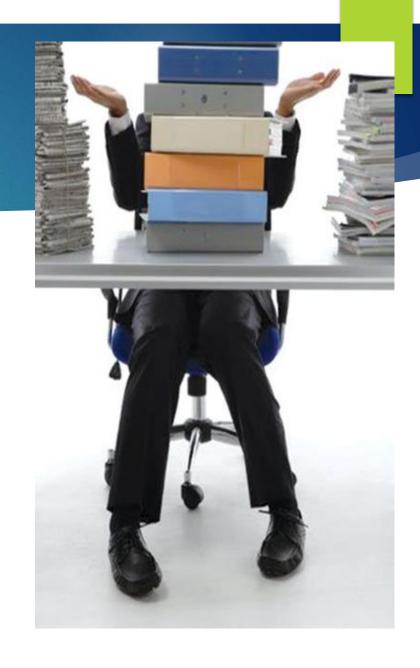
Time management

- All students are expected to be working in their free periods in either the Sixth Form Centre, ICT Suite, Learning Zone or the quiet work rooms available for all students
- Also look over class notes, do wider reading and revisit work from lessons
- There is never a time when they will not have work to do!
- ► There is an expectation of at least 5 hours extra work per week for each A Level/BTEC subject taken



WORK-LIFE BALANCE

- It is understandable that students need to earn money
- Part-time jobs are an excellent opportunity to develop skills needed later on in life
- However priority needs to be on their A level subjects
- So for this reason we recommend that students work no more than 10 hours a week



COMMUNICATION



The Academic Tutor System has been put in place to help early identification of issues/concerns and successes.

Any issues are acted upon early and will be communicated to parents.

Communication

Working together: TEACHER, PARENT AND STUDENT

- School Post text and emails to students and parents
- ► Teams we regularly send messages about events and important information through teams.
- Parent Mail advance notice of any events coming up and information
- **Sixth Form Website –** All you need to know about subjects, policies, blogs of current events etc...
- Sixth Form Twitter / Instagram informing people of Sixth Form events and information



Work ethic – independent learners

Looking after YOUR 6th Form centre (furniture)

Standards and expectations = HIGH Uniform (inc coats)

Eating / litter

Attendance and punctuality – swipe cards

Mobile phones

STUDY periods (not 'frees')

Student opportunities:

Student Management Team 2021/22



Arianne Makinson Head Girl



Alex Brierley Head Boy



Anita Okunde Senior Prefect



Matthew Roach Senior Prefect



Freya Moores Senior Prefect



Molly Mooney Senior Prefect



Daniel Howe Senior Prefect



Sofiyah Muzafar Senior Prefect

Monitoring, Assessment and support

Monitoring, assessing and support - TARGETS

- Each student is given an individual target grade
- These are based on their GCSE scores
- This grade/target is used as a minimum expectationperformance is then monitored against these
- Students should all know their own target grade



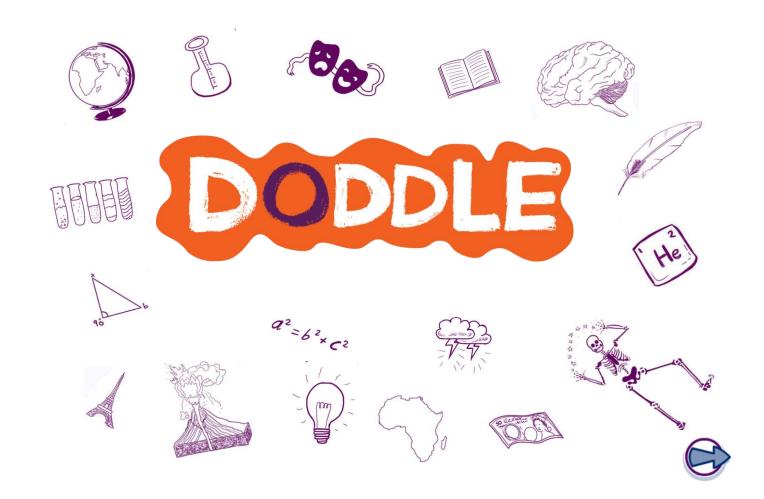
Monitoring, Assessing and support

- Every half term students will be assessed within each
 A Level subject and these grades will be recorded
- These grades will be made available to you through the use of Parent Evenings, Meet and Greet Sessions, and Progress Reports home
- These grades will inform all subject teachers of students' ability and whether any extra support is needed against their target grade
- Academic Tutors will also have access to this data so they can look for trends/issues across subjects



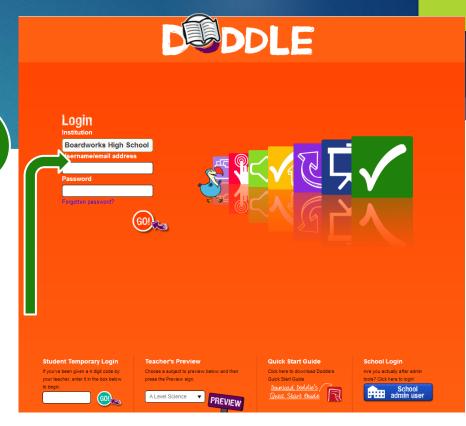
YEAR 12 Meet and greet

- ▶ This will be held on Monday 4th October and 11th of October.
- ► Time 2.45pm 4.25pm
- This is an opportunity for parents to meet their son/daughter's Academic Tutor
- This meeting will be about discussing
 - Target grades
 - Subject choices
 - Future career pathways
 - General concerns
 - Progress at A levels



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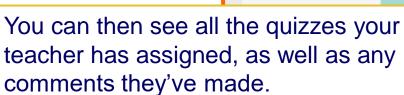
username: e.g. <u>AdamHarewood13</u> (as he started in 2013)

JamesWalsh17 (for a new Yr7)
password: <u>crompton</u> (if in Yr8-11 you should have changed this)

Doing your homework

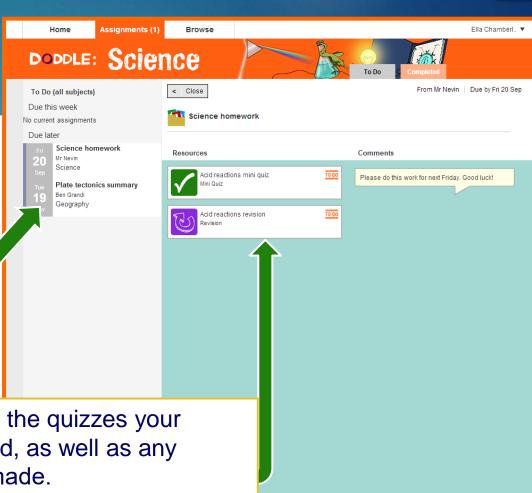
On the home screen, you'll see your 'To Do' list. This lists your homework across all subjects, in order of how soon it's due.

To complete a homework, click on an assignment in your To Do list.





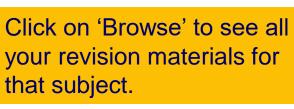


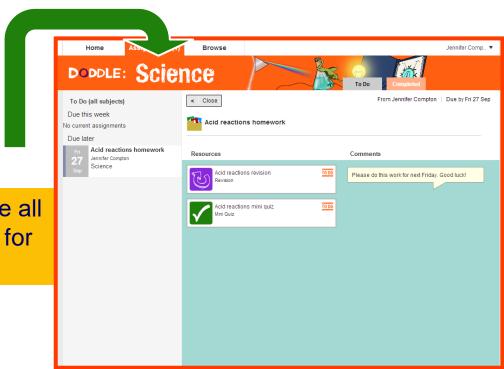


Revision

You don't have to wait for your teacher to assign work. With Doddle, you've got access to loads of revision materials, so you can use Doddle whenever you need to:

- revise for an exam or end-of-unit test
- find out more about a topic.







Extra Curricular

- Support (mentoring)
- Aspire
- Prefects, Management Team
- Freedom / independence
- Extra-curricular sport, music and drama
- WEX
- Trips
- EPQ
- Gold DofE



What is the EPQ?

A big project:

- A show
- An exhibition
- A piece of art
- A product (sculpture, bike)
- A campaign
- An essay
- Anything they want it to be...



KEEP CALM AND VARITE YOUR EPQ

What's involved?

- 5000 words (or 1000 with artefact)
- Research
- Source analysis
- Referencing
- Presentation



KEEP CALM AND WRITE YOUR EPQ

Projects from the last few Years

- 'Should Accutane be banned in the UK to treat acne?
- Has the shortage of nurses in the UK impacted on the NHS and its ability to respond?
- 'Should criminals suffering from dementia be incarcerated within UK prisons?'
- 'How are wings of fighter aircraft designed to affect performance in the air?'
- 'How successfully can the theme of fear portrayed in Tim Burton's films be transferred from screen to stage?'
- 'Are admissions within the state-funded primary and secondary education sectors biased against working class children?

The qualification

- 120 learning hours 90 independent, 30 guided
- UCAS points (only accepted by some universities)
- Guided hours in a variety of formats:
 - Trips to University libraries
 - University speakers
 - Online learning
- Majority of students who completed the EPQ were offered lower entry grades

TIME SCALE

- December 2021 Topic chosen and initial research completed.
- March 2022 Planning review to check on research
- June 2022 Planning review to check on essay progress.
- September 2022 first draft completed
- October 2022 to January 2023 Essay and presentation completed.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- All Year 12's are allocated a week work experience
- ► This runs Wednesday 13th Tuesday 19th July 2023
- We strongly advise for all students to try and arrange their own placements and we guide and support them to do this
- We gain references from all employers the students go to in order to help them with there CVs and/or university application



HIGHER EDUCATION



Higher Education – the Year 12 Process

- The large majority of our students go onto Higher Education, but there are some fantastic and extremely competitive degree level apprenticeships around.
- Preparation for all application starts very early
- March UCAS Convention in Manchester fingers crosse!
- Research into courses, universities, costs, bursaries, grants etc



Careers day



Careers Day is on Friday October 22nd, students are in school all day from 8.40am.

- Be introduced to the UCAS website
- Learn about degree& higher apprenticeships
- Research chosen careers

Take part in talks:

- Inspirational speaker: Dr Shari Breen, Head of Science Operations at the SKA.
- 'Making the Most of Year 12' speaker from Leeds Beckett University
- Careers Fair
- Post 18 options

Higher Education – The year 12 process

- Everyone can afford to go to university if they wish to
- University finance evening in July 2022 for parents
- University debt- based on ability to pay back when employed
- ► Two day Intensive Higher Education Days



ASPIRE PROGRAMME

The **ASPIRE PROGRAMME** is for high achieving sixth form students to gain entrance to prestigious universities and competitive courses

There are a range of activities & events:

- In school talks and events
- Mock Interviews
- Manchester Oxford and Cambridge Information Seminars
- EPQ
- Manchester Access Program (MAP)
- Cambridge shadowing scheme
- Sutton Trust Schools



Pathways to Law: Manchester University

An 18 month programme for year 12 students interested in studying law

- Work experience in the legal sector;
- Attend a 3-night residential;
- University application advice and personal statement workshops;
- Mentored from current University of Manchester law students;
- Visit the Inner Temple in London;
- Meet legal professionals, solicitors, barristers, university academics and law students!

www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-law/

Options Post-18



Crompton House Career Adviser

School Career Adviser – Adele Fraser

- Based in school three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Provide impartial Careers Information, Advice and Guidance
- Available for Sixth Form Students drop in or can book appointments by email, if possible

What Are Your Other Options?

- 1. Apprenticeships
- 2. Higher Apprenticeships
- 3. Degree Apprenticeships

- Apprenticeships are not an easy option.
- ▶ Just like with the UCAS route you need excellent attendance, grades, work experience, responsibilities, extracurricular (eg D of E).
- You need to research extensively/
- You have to be prepared to travel and figure out your own transportation.



Higher Apprenticeships

- What qualifications will I get?
 - ► A levels, currently studying at Level 3
 - ► Higher Apprenticeships can offer Level 4 7:
 - ▶ Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education
 - ▶ Level 5 Diploma of Higher Education
 - ► Level 6 Bachelor's Degree
 - ▶ Level 7 Postgraduate / Masters Degree



http://theapprenticeacademy.co.uk/vacancies/

https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/

https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/apprenticeships-223

https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/jobs

http://www.studentladder.co.uk

https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/home

Apprenticeship Group

- Mr Ashworth leads the apprenticeship Academic Tutor Group in Year 13.
- Students in this group will be supported through their applications, interviews and covering letters.
- 13 students secured Higher Level and Degree
 Apprenticeships last year.

Apprenticeships 2020-21

- Astra Zeneca
- AXA Financial management apprenticeship
- Dywidag Financial apprenticeship
- Royal Navy nursing
- Royal Navy Physiotherapy
- Rochdale MBC project management -Development of the Town Hall
- Sainsbury's-retail management
- 24/7 car finance -Accountancy
- Spire Hospital nursing degree

Other options!



- Armed Forces
- Gap years
- Voluntary work
- Don't have to decide now be aware of the options.
- Can apply to university next year and still consider other options later
- Lots of similar schemes with different names?

Key dates

DATE	DETAILS
Monday 4 th and Monday 11 th October	Year 12 Meet and Greet
Friday 1 st October	95 th Founders Day
Wednesday 6 th October	Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 22 nd October	Careers Day

Upcoming Events:
School Show - Chicago
Christmas Fair – collect glass jars!
Christmas Trip to the Trafford Centre
UCAS Convention Trip – March Date - TBD

Any questions?

- ► Thank you very much for your time tonight
- If you have any questions please stay behind at the end and we will be more than happy to discuss them with you

