

The
Heathland
School

A Mathematics and Science College



SIXTH FORM INDUCTION TASKS





Dear student,

Congratulations on your enrolment for the Sixth Form at The Heathland School.

The leap from GCSE to Post 16 study is significant and it is essential that you make a strong and committed start to your courses in September.

In order to help you do this, we have asked departments to prepare some preliminary work for you to start before your first lessons begin. There are tasks to complete for each A Level or BTEC subject you are going to study in Year 12. Teachers will refer to these tasks during the first two weeks of study.

I would also ask you to view the specification for each subject by viewing the curriculum section on the school website.

The best of luck with your Sixth Form studies – we look forward to seeing you make good progress during Year 12 and beyond.

Personalised Checklists (PLCS)

A PLC is a Personalised Learning Checklist. It is an organised list of topics that you will study in your chosen subjects taken from the syllabus. It also provides an opportunity for you to reflect on your progress in your subjects.

MyPLC (<https://www.my-plc.co.uk/register/>) has a large bank of subject and exam board specific information. Sign up as a student and join the Sixth Form Students class by entering the code **ab4870**.

You will then have access to all the available PLC's for your subject and exam board. This will:

1. Show you all the topics you will be studying for your subjects
2. Allow you to rate your level of understanding for each topic as you study them
3. Help you direct your revision to make it specific, focused and individual to you; ensuring your revision is an effective use of time and energy

Previous students have said:

“PLC's help me see in advance what we will be learning so I can do some additional reading before the lesson”

“Using the PLC has helped me to focus my revision on areas I need to improve”

“It has been really helpful when Topic tests come up. I know specifically what to revise”



Economics

1. You need to collect news articles from the list below:

- Merger between Sainsbury and Asda
- Nurses in the UK going to Food banks
- The gender pay gap
- Food prices increase after Brexit
- UK has lowest level of unemployment
- The sugar tax
- Crossrail

Information on the above topics can be found by looking online by entering the phrase on a search engine in the first instance and then selecting a link that connects to a reliable source; *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Independent*, *BBC*, any others of a similar kind.

2. Students are to purchase an A4 size scrapbook / notebook. (Purchase a scrap with numerous pages since this is a task that will be completed every week during the course of study).
3. On a double page of the scrapbook, stick the article on the left page.
4. On the page opposite the article you are to provide your analysis on the issue that is A4 in length. You need to consider the following issues as well as your own when providing the analysis (which refers to a logical **chain of reasoning**):
 - What is the impact upon customers
 - What is the impact upon businesses
 - How do you think the country as a whole will benefit
 - Do you think the Government should intervene – provide arguments for and against.