

HSP/RMT: Headmaster's letter
10th May 2017

HEADMASTER'S LETTER TO
PARENT(S)/ GUARDIAN(S) No.6

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

We are planning to increase the amount of electronic communication to parents in future. Although I intend to retain a print issue of my Headmaster's letter as much of the information should be read by pupils and students in school as well.

From September 2017 we will be launching SIMSInTouch which is a product which will allow us to forward letters and other documentations to parents using email. Later on this term we will be sending out contact detail sheets for parents/guardians to check that we have the correct contact details on our system and also ask for you to forward us an email address. If you do not have an email address we will be setting up drop in sessions at the school to support you in the process.

May I bring some other points to your attention.

1. PROGRESSION TO UNIVERSITY

Many parents will be aware 200+ students go onto university every year from The Heathland. The Honours Boards in the Main Hall indicate the diversity of courses and institutions that our students have proceeded to in the last 3 years. While many students have studied traditional 'A' Levels at the school, the strength of our BTEC Science and Applied Business courses as a platform for progression to degrees is increasingly impressive.

I hope parents and pupils will note examples of courses and university offers gained by students studying vocational qualifications.

BTEC Level 3 Science: Students this year have offers to start degrees in Aerospace Engineering, Biomedical Science, Healthcare, Psychology, Sport and Exercise Science. (Just 5 examples from a variety of degrees).

Their offers are from Exeter, Leicester, Roehampton, University of East Anglia, University College, London and Surrey. All well renowned institutions.

Applied Business: Students have offers for degrees in Accounting and Management, Architectural Technology, Film and Digital Production, Primary Education, Politics and International Relations.

Their offers are from equally renowned universities such as Brunel, Royal Holloway, Queen Mary, London and Reading.

In my view the need for graduates with a vocational training background will become stronger as Britain leaves the European Union.

2. PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COURSE INTERVIEWS 2017

i. YEAR 11

Study leave begins at break on **FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2017**.

GCSE and BTEC results will be issued at 9.00am on **THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST** in the Main Hall.

Interviews for Sixth Form courses will start at 10.00am on **FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST** in 60M/61M (Drama rooms).

ii. YEAR 12

‘AS’ Level results will be issued at 11.00am on **THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST**.

Interviews for Year 13 progression (ONLY for students studying ICT, Media, Maths and Politics) take place on **MONDAY 21ST AUGUST** in 60M/61M (Drama rooms) at 10.00am.

Please note: Students in Year 12 must complete coursework and pass end of year exams to progress into Year 13.

iii. YEAR 13

Year 13 ‘A’ Level students study leave begins at 3.20pm on **FRIDAY 12TH MAY**.

Applied Business study leave begins at 3.20pm on **FRIDAY 16TH JUNE**. Students have an exam on the 19th June.

BTEC Level 3 Science students will begin study leave on **MONDAY 5TH JUNE** if they have submitted their coursework. If it is not completed to the expected standard they will remain in school.

‘A’ Level, BTEC L3 Science and Applied Business results will be issued at 9.00am on **THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST**.

Post-results advice for Year 13 students will be available from senior staff, Mr J. Parfitt (Academic Tutor) and Mr C. Couch (Careers Advisor).

Please plan summer holiday trips carefully so that students in Year 11, 12 and 13 are available when results are issued and for course interviews.

May I wish all students sitting exams this summer good luck and reward for their hard work.

3. YEAR 7, 8, 9 AND 10 EXAMINATION DATES

YEAR 7:	5 TH – 9 TH JUNE 2017	(exams will take place in lessons)
YEAR 8:	22 ND – 26 TH MAY 2017	(exams will take place in lessons)
YEAR 9:	12 TH – 16 TH JUNE 2017	(exams will take place in lessons)
YEAR 10:	20 TH – 28 TH JUNE 2017	(exams will take place in the Sports Hall)

4. EASTERN EVENING 2017

This year’s performance will take place on Thursday 13th July at 7.00pm. Ms Kaur (Head of Economics and Business) will be directing Eastern Evening this year.

Yours faithfully,

HEADMASTER