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16 April 2018

L6 Assembly Today

Today there is a very important assembly for lower sixth in the hall about the end of year exams.

- Ms Snoad's cohort please go straight to the hall for 12pm, then return to your tutor base afterwards
- Ms Thiruudaian's cohort please go to your tutor base first. Please queue for assembly at 12.25pm by the doors at the back of the social area (includes Ms Ross's groups)

Ms Ahmed's groups go to the hall at 12pm but not back to your tutor base. Ms Ross's groups go to the hall at 12.25pm but not to your tutor base first.

Olivia Stanton

Oxbridge Meeting: for non-Oxbridge Academy

If you are not in the Oxbridge academy and haven't come to any of our meetings but are possibly interested in applying for Oxford or Cambridge, come to this meeting tomorrow: Tuesday 17 April at 12.45pm in the conference room.

John Rubinstein

Early Morning Study

We are pleased if students want to come and work early in the College, but we have a problem with occupying classrooms before they are cleaned. The social area, Millennium learning zone and library are quiet with plenty of space 8-9 AM every morning. Please note also that the College is not open to students at weekends.

John Rubinstein

Lift in North Wing

The lift is not for student use. Please walk up the stairs – it's good for you anyway.

If you get challenged on this, don't get lippy! Staff are just doing their job, and you will be in worse trouble for being rude to staff than for using the lift.

John Rubinstein



UCAS Offers

- When you have received responses from all your universities, you will be given by UCAS your own individual deadline to reply. For many of you, this will be Wednesday 2 May 2018, Do not miss your deadline!
- Your firm choice should be the one you most want to go to, even if the grades are lower than another offer.
- If there is a second choice with lower grades, put that as your insurance - you don't have to have an insurance but it is a good idea if you can.
- Remember, your firm and insurance choices are contracts – you have to go there if you get the grades. So don't accept a university as firm or insurance if you don't want to go there!
- If you have no offers (or reject them all), you can use UCAS Extra to make another choice.
- Talk it over with your tutor before you make any decisions.

If you have any questions, talk with your tutor or Joanna in careers.

John Rubinstein

The Challenge/NCS

The Challenge /NCS is coming to College on Friday 20 April 2018 for you to see what their summer programme has to offer. If you are interested make sure you stop and talk to them during your lunch break



PHASE 1 - ADVENTURE

A five-day, four-night residential based away from home with fun activities such as canoeing, rock climbing and abseiling. A chance to meet new people and enjoy some adventure, fun and freedom!

PHASE 2 - DISCOVERY

A further 5 days and four nights in a uni-style environment where you'll develop life skills like confidence, leadership and communication to boost your CV or UCAS personal statement.

PHASE 3 - ACTION

Working in teams, you'll put your new skills into practice by delivering a community project of your choice. Plan, fundraise, make a difference!

GRADUATION

You and your mates will get together to celebrate your achievements. NCS opens up a world of opportunities, giving you exclusive access to work placements, volunteering and events.

Carol Kirkland

Safeguarding

Do you have any concerns about your wellbeing, or somebody else's welfare? Are you worrying about your mental health, home life, relationships, sexual health, or is something else bothering you? Please come and talk to our Safeguarding Officers, Lucy and Ally, who are in the Student Services area. You can also chat to your Personal Tutor, your teachers, or any member of our Safeguarding Team here at college. Members of our Safeguarding Team can refer you for free counselling at college or refer you to other support services. You can also email us safeguarding@woodhouse.ac.uk

Lucy Tobin Howard

Online Safety

Please be aware that the college has monitoring software called eSafe. If you type in words that could be deemed concerning or worrying, when using a college computer or laptop, these words will be captured and an alert sent to our Safeguarding Team in Student Services. For example, if you type in words that suggest you are experiencing mental health difficulties or some kind of distress, a member of our Safeguarding Team would chat to you, make sure you are OK, and offer you help and support. We appreciate that often the triggers are false alarms. However, if you type in words that are deemed offensive, threatening or illegal, such as 'how to make a bomb' then this can have serious consequences such as police involvement, which can create a lot of wasted time for you, the police and us. Please be mindful of this when using college computers or laptops, and be aware that eSafe will capture any words with possible safeguarding implications, even if you don't press 'search' or 'enter'.

Protecting Yourself

Always lock your computer when you move away from it, even for a few minutes, so that you don't leave yourself vulnerable to another student misusing your account (you could be put on a Stage 0 behaviour contract for not protecting your account). Furthermore, if you leave your computer unlocked and fall victim to a prank, and you know who did it but won't tell us and waste our time while we investigate a hoax, you will be put on stage 1 behaviour contract and your IT account suspended. Do not be tempted to play a prank on your friends by typing something concerning into their computer, as you will be issued with a minimum of stage 2 behaviour with four hours directed study per week. Please keep your computers and lap tops locked when you move away from them (Ctrl Alt Delete), or log off so that others can log in. To reassure you, eSafe does not store information about your online activity, but it does help to create a safer environment for everyone here in the college.



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Student Tracker Research

Havas People are carrying out the Student Tracker research on behalf of 10 UK universities. The study looks at Sixth Form students' future plans, what options they're considering, and their decision-making process. The outcomes of the research will inform universities communications with students.

If you're 16 or over, and in sixth form or equivalent, we would really appreciate you taking part in the survey. We welcome students who are considering university and/or employment.



If you take part, you will enter a prize draw to win £500 in Amazon vouchers.

The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete.

You can take part by following this link, or copying and pasting it into your web browser: <https://app.keysurvey.co.uk/f/1212238/4480/>

The survey is completely confidential – your answers won't be seen by anyone outside the research team. We will never report any responses at an individual level.

If you have any questions about the research, please feel free to contact Lisa Mai, 0203 793 3790.

Carol Kirkland

Free Film & TV Training & Help Make an Epic Documentary



WORLDbytes – The School of Citizen TV – are offering a unique opportunity for young people to have their say and make an impact, with our free TV and film training.

No prior experience necessary – just enthusiasm. No one who applies will be turned away but everyone interested needs to get an application in fast and attend an introductory evening on 16 May in Hackney, London E5, to go through what is involved. Details will be sent to all applicants.

For more information and to apply:

<http://www.worldbytes.org/become-a-volunteer/>

John Rubenstein on behalf of WORLDbytes