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Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

Re: Start of Term Arrangements for year 13 Students

The start of term arrangements for Year 13 students are different from those of students in Years 9 -11 because there are often a number of course changes to check and finalise. We will therefore use the first few days of term to deal with issues arising from the AS exam results so that all students are ready to begin their courses on Monday 12th September. The programme for the first few days is as follows:

Thursday 8th September

Students need to come in to school at 9.00am and go to their tutor group to receive their timetables and organise individual interviews with their tutors. Tutor group lists and rooms will be posted in the sixth form area. This will be followed by a short assembly in the theatre.

At 10.00am there will be a presentation in the theatre for all students on writing personal statements led by a university admissions tutor followed by a practical workshop at 10-30am to support students in beginning to draft their statements. A workshop led by a representative from a leading training provider and other employers will be available in the Library from 10-30am for students who are looking for apprenticeships or employment at the end of Year 13 rather than university. **It is compulsory for students to attend one of these workshops**

Monday 12th September

Students will need to be in at 9.00am for Assembly. Lessons will begin period 1. Students will have already received their timetables and will need to be in school for all lessons from this point.

Any students who have questions about their courses or who wish to change courses should make appointments with Mr Downey or Miss Hamilton on either Thursday 8th or Friday 9th September to finalise their timetable.

Holiday Task - A reminder that all students who are picking up a new AS course will have had holiday work to complete.

Thursday 18th August – Results Day

All students must confirm their results and courses for next year with a member of the Sixth Form Team on Thursday 18th August. Staff will also be available on Friday 19th August from 10am to 2pm to discuss any issues arising from the AS results.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us by email on..
downeys@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk or hamiltonm@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk or
fahyc@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk.

We will be in school for some of the holiday and can respond to you during that time.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Sean Downey
Director of Sixth Form and Assistant Headteacher

Miss Maurlayne Hamilton
Head of Year 13



