



# Shirley High School

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22nd May 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have been really impressed how our Year 12 students have embraced our scholarly and professional vision for our sixth form. As we enter the last half term, the focus changes to their future post-sixth form. There are a number of events taking place next term, some aimed at students but others are for parents too. Please ensure you discuss these with your son / daughter and add them to your diary.

### Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 23rd May	<b>Prefect and Head Student application window open</b> - A great opportunity for students to represent the school community and to include in future applications. The deadline for this is Midday on Monday 5th June.
5th -10th June	<b>YR 12 End of Year PPEs</b> - Students will be tested on everything they have learnt this year. The results of these will form the basis of students' predicted grades for university applications. As a reminder, any student who receives an 'E' or 'U' grade in these exams will likely be asked to select another course or resit the year, as per our sixth form policy.
Tuesday 13th June 5-7pm	<b>UCAS information evening for parents, guardians and students</b> - An introduction to the UCAS process for parents to explain what it entails and how you can support your son / daughter to write a compelling application.
10th - 14th July	<b>Cultural Capital week</b> - Further details of this can be found overleaf,. Please complete the link to this form for consent. <a href="https://forms.gle/LTQLmndXT8nJ6YsE6">https://forms.gle/LTQLmndXT8nJ6YsE6</a> for our Trip to the Tate Modern.
Friday 7th July	<b>Report of PPE results released</b> - 1:1 Subject to the grade of results, parents may be invited in for a discussion.
17th Aug 8-10am	<b>A Level and BTEC results day</b>

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Please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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### **Further information on Cultural Capital week**

This week is focussed on preparing students for their life after sixth form. Whilst we will be putting on activities every day in school, all students are encouraged to find work experience during this week, which relates to their future pathway.

**Offsite School Trips: Students will be expected to bring a topped-up Oyster card, a packed lunch and wear appropriate clothing.**

If students decide to remain in school, the schedule they will follow is outlined below:

### **Monday (offsite) - University Campus tours at King's College and University College London (UCL)**

All students will meet at East Croydon train station at 9.20am to catch the 9.51am train to Blackfriars. We will walk to King's College where we will separate into two groups, one visiting King's College and the other visiting UCL. Students will have a tour of the campus as well as a talk from a member of the university student union where they will have the opportunity to ask questions. After rejoining as one group we will have a picnic lunch around 1pm. Students will have the option to be dismissed from there in order to undertake a London based cultural experience of their choice. If you would prefer your son/daughter to return with a member of staff to East Croydon, to be dismissed, please indicate below.

*Please indicate below if your son/daughter have permission to be dismissed outside of King's College on The Strand and travel back to Croydon independently or if you would like them to return with staff.*

### **Tuesday (on site)- Futures day - Workshops on budgeting, careers and personal statements**

In order for students to feel fully prepared for life after sixth form, we have organised workshops for them on budgeting, a careers fair and personal statements. Students will complete these throughout the day on a carousel.

### **Wednesday (offsite) - Super-curricular day- *students must organise an activity relating to their future pathway.***

Super-curricular knowledge is knowledge gained outside of a curriculum which shows a students personal interests and enthusiasm within an area of study or career. The experiences students can gain through carrying out such activities make up an important and significant part of their personal statements in the UCAS application as well as in covering letters for apprenticeships or future careers. Students have the day to carry out an activity that links to their future pathway. We have suggested, museums, exhibitions and relevant institutions to students. They must tell us a minimum of one week in advance what they plan to do on the day and are expected to send evidence of its completion. Should students fail to organise an activity, they will be expected to be in school, where activities will be provided for them.

### **Thursday (on site) - Supporting Team building activities**

Working with younger year groups on team building activities organised by an outside company.

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