

# Helena Romanes Sixth Form

**Making the students of  
today the future of  
tomorrow**

The Helena Romanes School and Sixth Form Centre



# Introducing the Sixth Form Team

**Mrs Donna Wright**, Head of Sixth Form and a member of Senior Leadership Team

**Mrs Paula Barry** - Sixth Form Manager

## Year 12 Tutor Team:

- 12DA: Dom Allum
- 12LB: Lorna Booth
- 12CO: Charlotte O'Neal



# Role of the Sixth Form Manager

- Manage the daily processes in the sixth form
- Manage student attendance



# Contacting the school

- All members of staff can be contacted via email: teacher name @hrs.education
- Example: [dwright@hrs.education](mailto:dwright@hrs.education)
- Sixth Form Office telephone direct line: 01371 878636



# Fostering Independence

- We would encourage students to communicate with us themselves for general day to day concerns or absences rather than relying on their parents to do this for them
- Reporting an absence: email [pbarry@hrs.education](mailto:pbarry@hrs.education) or telephone 01371878636
- If you, as parents, have any real concerns that you need to bring to our attention or discuss then of course we are available to help via email or telephone

# Linear A Levels - all subjects

- Students sit all of their exams at the end of the two year course in 2022
- July 2021: Students will sit mock exams in all subjects at the end of year 12 prior to transitioning into year 13 as appropriate
- Students currently studying 4 A level subjects will most likely reduce to 3 subjects in year 13

# BTEC Qualifications

- Students will sit a mixture of externally marked exam papers (25% weighting), internal practical assignments and internal research assignments.
- Externally marked exam papers will be spread across year 12 and year 13 as appropriate

# Target Grades

- Students have been set one single target grade (A-D) across all of their linear A levels
- Those taking BTEC qualifications (other than Sport) will have one single target grade (Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction \*)
- Those taking BTEC Sport will have two target grades as this subject is a double award. It is possible the grades will be mixed e.g. Distinction/Distinction\*





# Target Grades

- These are called ALPS (A level performance scale) targets
- They are a minimum expectation of student performance at Level 3
- ALPS target grades are generated from taking the student's average GCSE point score which are then banded by ability to finalise a target grade; for year 12 this year these average GCSE point scores come from centre awarded grades
- ALPS target grades are not subject specific or based upon GCSE performance in a particular subject if taken at GCSE prior to A level

# Academic Enrichment and Independent Study

- Academic enrichment sessions run on a Monday, week A, period 5
- The aim of academic enrichment is to bridge the gap between KS4 and KS5 study skills
- Independent Study is crucial at A level requiring engagement with subjects being studied outside of class to improve understanding
- By taking more responsibility for their work, students develop important skills such as critical thinking, time management and self discipline valued by universities and employers



# More about Independent Study

- Year 12 students are expected to study independently periods 1-3 where they do not have a timetabled lesson in our designated study centre
- Some tasks will be directed by teachers; further tasks can include reviewing content from class, preparing for future classes, finding activities related to their subjects and, in time, mastering exam technique
- Some subjects may require more independent study than others such as those with lots of reading or practical work

# Levels of Attendance

Attendance: school requirement is 95% attendance

Attendance percentage	Days missed over a school year
100%	0 days
95%	10 days
90%	20 days
85%	30 days
80%	40 days

Students of equal ability with attendance of over 95% perform one grade higher per subject than those with attendance of 85% or less

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# Attendance Policy

The attendance policy can be found on the school website following the links to sixth form and then attendance



# November 2019

- OFSTED judged the Sixth Form Good
- Students who engage with our high expectations make excellent progress
- The next 3 slides celebrate our stars starting with 2020 back to 2018



# Stars of 2020 - celebrating success

**Emma: A\*A\*AA** in Law, Business, Psychology and Maths

**Leiani: AAAB** in Maths, Business, Psychology and History

**Kate: AAA** in English, Business and Psychology

**James:** Triple Distinction in BTEC Sport, BB in Business and Psychology

**Fran: ABB** in Dance English and Psychology

# Stars of 2019 - celebrating success

**Eve: A\*AB** in Sociology, English and Psychology

**Kim: AAB** in English, Psychology and Biology

**Oliver: AAB** in Media, Sociology and History

**Rowan: BBB** in Art, Maths and Physics

**Rebecca: Distinction** in Applied Science, **A, C** in Sociology and Business





# Stars of 2018 - celebrating success

- **George: A\*A\*AA** in Business Studies, History, Geography and the Extended Project Qualification
- **Laura: A\*AA** in Maths, Business Studies and Physics
- **Lauren: AA** in Art/Photography and the Extended Project Qualification
- **Ellie: A\*B** in Sociology, Psychology **Distinction** in Applied Science



# Personal Enrichment

- We are a little restricted at the moment with covid 19; however, once we return to some kind of normality there will be many opportunities for personal enrichment
- In the meantime we are running an appropriate PSHE programme
- We are also starting work on post 18 options including university, higher apprenticeships, employment, internships and gap years; this is a great way to motivate students and generate future aspirations
- All students have the opportunity to undertake one week's work experience with an external employer in July 2021

# The 16-19 Bursary Fund

- Government funding which we can claim to support students in the 6<sup>th</sup> form in education (it is a limited amount)
- Used to help with any education related costs: books/meals/exam entry/field trips
- Available to families on low income or students in care
- To apply, students collect an application form from the Sixth Form office or download from the web site following the link to sixth form and then sixth form application
- Any questions should be directed to Mrs Evans-Barlow [levans-barlow@hrs.education](mailto:levans-barlow@hrs.education)



# Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 15 October 2020: virtual settling in evening (invitation only)
- Thursday 18th March 2021: Parents Evening
- March 2021 (day to be confirmed): UCAS (University and College Admissions Service) Parents evening
- 28 June - 9 July 2021: Mock exams in all A level subjects
- 12 - 16 July 2021: Work Experience
- Monday 19 July 2021: Mock exam full written reports