#### **APR-MAY 2025**

# Sixth Sense

### **HBS Sixth Form Newsletter**



## Goodbye, Year 13

9 May was Y13s last day. Cue the Leavers' Assembly, dressing up, and the traditional Head Boy's Quiz. Next step: the rest of their lives.

As has become tradition for HBS Sixth Form, the last day of schooling for the Y13s is met in an array of colours and costumes, the theme being "come as something beginning with the same letter as your first name". Now all that is left is for them to complete their national exams and take the next steps on their journey. We wish them all the best!

For the Y12s, things are ramping up - mocks and the end of their first year of post 16 study are fast approaching. They need to make the most of the resources they're given and, to give them their dues, the vast majority of the year group have settled down and are revising hard. Keep it up - this time next year, it'll all have been worth it.





Jailbreak Mr Bennett will be jail for not putting his phone in its Yondr pouch. This will take place on 6 June. Donate to local charity Home Start Herts to free him.



#### Auditions

Keep an eye out for audition notices around school for next year's production. For our Y12s, this will be the last show you'll be able to be part of before you leave.



#### **Herts Uni Visit**

Ensure you sign up and pay for our trip to Herts Uni. See how a campus university works, take part in seminars, and ask questions. This is a useful trip, even if you aren't considering UH.

## What We've Been Up To

Another academic year nears its end. The Y12s approach their final year with us and we prepare to welcome in a new cohort.

- Induction is planned for 23-25 June. Attendance for incoming Y12s is mandatory. This is also the next window for students to change their options for next year.
- Founders' Day takes place on 27 June. Outgoing Y13s are expected to attend as this is the official last day of being a Hitchin Boy. Be at school for 10:15am to receive a last token from us, before heading to the church for the joint ceremony with HGS. Look your best!
- Any potential Oxbridge/Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Science applicants need to start work on they personal statements. We will be starting UCAS applications on Founders' Day.
- Our new SPT will be organising a charity drive before the end of the academic year. Look out for more information.
- Our A Level Geographers enjoyed two days out of school, building skills and working on their NEAs. By all accounts, they were a credit to the school, so well done to all involved. Thanks as well to the staff who gave up their time to accompany them.
- Following our most recent Progress Checks, members of the Sixth Form Pastoral Team have been checking in with students who need a bit of extra guidance. Remember we want you to achieve the grades you deserve, so listen to the advice you're given.

## The Last Days of Hope

We are sad to announce that Mrs Hope, our Sixth Form Administrator and UCAS Guru is leaving us at the end of this half term.

Mrs Hope has helped countless students with their university applications, offering insight and advice, as well as proof reading personal statements. Many Y13s will be thankful for her pointers on completing their UCAS, maximising their chances of being offered the places they want, on the courses they want.

She will be greatly missed by all of us in the Sixth Form pastoral team and we wish her all the best.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 5 Jun Herts Uni Trip
- 9 Jun Y12 RSE Morning
- 16-25 Jun Y12 Study Leave
- 23-25 Jun New Y12 Induction
- 27 Jun- Founders' Day
- 8 Jul Sports Day
- 11 Jul Last Day of Lessons for Y12



