

Sixth Form Newsletter

January 2024



**THE CASTLE ROCK
SCHOOL**
Lionheart Educational Trust

Gatherings	Topic
WB 9 th January 2024	Welcome back – Mrs Parker
WB 15 th January 2024	TRIAL EXAM PERIOD
WB 22 nd January 2024	Student Finance – Loughborough University
WB 29 th January 2024	Skills for success and applying to University and employment – Loughborough University

Personal Development	Topic
WB 9 th January 2024	Year 12 – TRIAL PERIOD Year 13 – Positive relationships
WB 15 th January 2024	Year 12 – TRIAL PERIOD Year 13 – Consent
WB 22 nd January 2024	Year 12 – Future planning Year 13 – Future planning
WB 29 th January 2024	Year 12 – Relationships in the digital age Year 13 – Relationships in the digital age

Post 18 destinations

The UCAS cycle can be a daunting one for both students and parents. It can often be that students tussle with deciding what their next steps will be whether that be to continue in education, gain employment or undertake an apprenticeship. We have now closed our 2024 UCAS cycle for Year 13 and are incredibly proud of the resilience and ambition they continue to show. Whilst we await the outcomes for all students, we could not help but celebrate those that have come through already. Below are just a few of the outstanding offers students have received.

University of Cambridge – Engineering

University of Nottingham – Neuroscience

University of Derby – Forensic Psychology

De Montfort University – Adult Nursing

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) – Production and technical arts: stage and screen

LMA – Musical Theatre

University of Brighton – Biomedical Science

University of Derby – Digital Marketing

University of Leicester – Sociology

Lancaster University – History and International Relations

Next week, we celebrate National Apprenticeship Week with all students and encourage our apprenticeship applicants to make good use of the resources available to them via www.nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk. Students receive regular job vacancies from the Sixth Form team so if your child is not regularly checking their school email, please encourage them to do so.

Amazing apprenticeships website www.amazingapprenticeships.com have a wonderful series of parent podcasts that support with the decision making and application process if your child is looking to pursue this route Post 18.

VIP lecture invite – Year 12 students – 12th February 2024 4:30pm-7:30pm

We work very closely with Loughborough University who have sent our Year 12 students the opportunity for them to attend a VIP lecture with Andrew Bailey, Governor of The Bank of England. Andrew is one of the world's leading and distinguished central bankers having been with The Bank of England since 1985. Year 12 students that are considering studying economics, finance, accounting or business at university should look to attend this as individuals for a fantastic chance to hear from Andrew and discuss topics surrounding these subject areas. It also looks fantastic on UCAS and apprenticeship applications for next year!

Students will need to register using this link -

<https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/21FO00nos7tatr00fbahcj2kjr>

Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening – Thursday 8th February 2024

You should have now received information regarding our upcoming Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening. The trinity between student, school and parent is integral to the success of our young people. Please do attend this evening to have discussions with your child's subject teachers whether that be how they have settled and are doing in their A Level courses, or what they can do between now and their exams to achieve their very best. If you are having any issues booking, please do contact the school.

Key events coming up:

Year 12 and Year 13 Parents Evening – Thursday 8th February 2024

Year 13 January vocational exam results – 21st March 2024