

Sixth Form Newsletter

February 2024



**THE CASTLE ROCK
SCHOOL**
Lionheart Educational Trust

Gatherings	Topic
WB 5 th February 2024	Work Experience launch
WB 12 th February 2024	Celebration gathering
WB 26 th February 2024	Preparation is key – looking ahead to examination season

Personal Development	Topic
WB 5 th February 2024	Year 12 – Positive relationships Year 13 – Gender Identity
WB 12 th February 2024	Year 12 – Diversity and Inclusion Year 13 – Diversity and Inclusion
WB 26 th February 2024	Year 12 – Consent Year 13 – Effective communication

Preparing for exam season

Students in both year groups are now looking ahead towards the summer formal exam season. With Year 13 sitting their terminal examinations in all subjects and Year 12 sitting trial examinations and national modular examinations, all students are required to remain focused on achieving their very best. Students in both year groups have been provided with a revision planner and textbook that details how best to revise in a variety of subjects as well as the importance of looking after their wellbeing during this stressful time. At the back of the textbook, there are spaces for students to identify their confidence levels with topics within each of their subject areas as well as weekly revision planning documents for them to identify what work they will complete and when.

Alongside this, our Exam bitesize curriculum continues every Thursday morning during registration which allows students to discover the power of Metacognition and the importance of understanding and reflecting upon the best ways for them to learn.

Please do encourage your child to engage with this textbook and have discussions with them around the planning and preparation they are doing for all examinations.

Interventions for both Year 12 and Year 13 are also now live with bespoke programmes of support in place as identified by students' subject teachers. We know that every moment matters in school and guide our Sixth Form students to utilize not only the time they have with us, but the access they have to highly trained subject specialists.

Sutton Trust Summer School

The Sutton Trust Summer School Programme offers Year 12 students the opportunity to immerse themselves in university life. Students report that they have been able to develop their confidence and skills needed to choose where to apply and what to study, be competitive applicants wherever that is, and find support with a network of like-minded peers. In order to be eligible, students need to:

- Attend a state funded school
- Currently be in Year 12
- Students are prioritised based on a range of social mobility criteria including eligibility for free school meals, and the context of their school and neighbourhood

Applications close on 7th March so students need to act quick on this one!

Other academic opportunities for students

1). University of Oxford Competition - The Big Think Competition – Poster attached.

2). The Cambridge essay competition - Re:Think. The members of the committee for this competition panel are from the Universities of Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard, Stanford and MIT. Further information can be found here: <https://cambridge-research.org/essay-competition-2024/>

Key events coming up:

Careers Event – Wednesday 6th March 2024

Year 13 January vocational exam results – 21st March 2024

Formal start of the Summer examination season – 29th April 2024