

## Sixth Form Newsletter

April 2024



**THE CASTLE ROCK  
SCHOOL**  
Lionheart Educational Trust

<b>Gatherings</b>	<b>Topic</b>
WB 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	National Earth Day – Mr Malpass
WB 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	UCAS – Extra’s and clearing – Mrs Parker
WB 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024	Coping with Exam Pressure – Ms Moore
WB 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Looking after your health during the exam period – Mr Black

<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Topic</b>
WB 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	<b>Year 12</b> – Careers – Green Industries <b>Year 13</b> – Vitamins counselling service
WB 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	<b>Year 12</b> – Personal Statements <b>Year 13</b> – Subject boost sessions
WB 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024	<b>Year 12</b> – University of Leicester – Personal Statement Workshop <b>Year 13</b> – Subject boost sessions
WB 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	<b>Year 12</b> – Apprenticeship workshop <b>Year 13</b> – Subject boost workshop

### Examination season

The examination season has begun for both Year 12 and Year 13 students. We have been impressed with the amount of focus students have had on achieving their very best and hope that this continues. We have conducted a number of wellbeing sessions to support students to look after their wellbeing throughout this testing time and have a representative from Teen Health accessible every Monday in the Sixth Form Centre should students require additional support. Students have also received an electronic document listing places where they can receive support should they require it out of school hours.

### Year 12 UCAS cycle

All Year 12 students are expected to prepare a UCAS application regardless of whether they intend on submitting this to universities. Each year, we see students change their mind once the deadline for equal consideration has passed and by having prepared an application, we can ensure that there is a seamless process should this be the case. Year 12 will now be guided through the Personal Development Curriculum to complete this but must take responsibility for working on this in their study periods and at home.

### Year 12 UCAS exhibition trip

Letters will be coming out shortly regarding a fully funded trip to a UCAS exhibition in Nottingham. We expect that all Year 12 students attend this as a vital part of their careers education. The exhibition allows students to meet numerous university and apprenticeship providers in one location. This allows students to make direct comparisons between courses and providers without the expense and time of travel across the country. Students are then able to short list institutions that they wish to visit on Open Days.

### Lionheart PRIDE event

Students are able to access the annual Lionheart PRIDE event, being held this year at The Cedars Academy, Birstall. If students would like to attend, the trip is fully funded and students need to express an interest with Ms Major in HH08. This event is quickly filling up, so we encourage students to notify Ms Major as a matter of urgency if they wish to participate.

## **Alumni**

This month we have introduced your child to our alumni network, Lionheart Futures, letting them know that we'd like to keep in touch once they leave us so we can find out about the pathways they take in the coming years and share their successes. They were shown this video: <https://vimeo.com/lionhearttrustmedia/leavers>

To keep in touch with departing students, we require those who wish to join the network to complete a short form and supply their personal email address. Your child is able to do this by completing this short form: <https://forms.office.com/e/uSCszG8UuF>

Our alumni network is integral for our students to see what the future can look like – taking inspiration from those that have attended the school.

## **Super curricular activities**

Each week your child receives guidance as to where they can read around their chosen subject areas, undertake university level seminars and lectures, and engage with opportunities run both locally and nationally. We currently have a number of students undertaking the following:

- Realising Opportunities programme in conjunction with Loughborough University
  - Get into Medicine seminars with MedicMentor
  - Newcastle University Summer School
  - University of Nottingham Summer School
- And many more!

We would heavily encourage you to have a discussion with your child regarding the reading/experiences they are doing outside of their classroom learning. We know that the more engaged our students are with their subjects outside of the classroom, the better they do in their exams. Here are a few websites that your child can engage with short courses, lectures, seminars and events on a wide range of topics:

- [www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com)
- [www.mooc.org](http://www.mooc.org)
- <https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/study-here/access-and-outreach/events-prospective-students/year-12-subject-masterclasses>
- <https://www.unitasterdays.com/search.aspx?SFID=4>
- <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events-listing>

## **Key events coming up:**

UCAS applications open for Year 12 students – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

UCAS Exhibition Nottingham – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (letter to follow)

Year 13 Graduation Ball – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024