

20 July 2021

Dear students and families,

A warm welcome to The Misbourne Sixth Form!

We appreciate that the past year has been incredibly difficult for you with a massive interruption to your educational journey. Nevertheless, we hope that your next two years will be the most exciting of your career so far. We have a range of exciting activities on offer, which are designed to challenge, inspire and ultimately enable you to make the best start to your journey after Sixth Form. We consider this programme to be a valuable part of becoming a member of our Sixth Form and we expect that all students will take part in all of the following activities.

The Sixth Form Learning for Life programme, every Wednesday period 1

The step up to Sixth Form is challenging and often underestimated, but we're going to show you how to do it! In the first half-term, you will attend weekly lessons to help you make a successful transition. Topics will include: managing your time, note-taking techniques and how to study independently. Further to this and throughout the rest of Year 12 and 13, we will study topical issues such as diversity in Britain; healthy relationships and sexual health; wellbeing; first aid; managing finances and getting prepared for further and/or higher education.

These activities and seminars will develop your confidence, character and resilience, as well as your team work, communication, leadership and problem-solving skills. Learning for Life will also link you to opportunities for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, National Citizen Service and World Challenge which can all hugely improve your abilities even further.

Safe Drive Stay Alive roadshow, autumn term

You will participate in this outstanding learning experience that helps new drivers and those who have not yet taken their test to explore the consequences of being involved in a road traffic accident. The story of an accident is told through specially prepared video and moving speeches from members of the public and the emergency services. This is an excellent Thames Valley Police initiative aimed at reducing the high numbers of accidental deaths of teenagers and young adults.

The LEAP Award, this brand new scheme for Sixth Formers will be launched in the autumn term. This will provide huge opportunities and rewards which everyone will be involved in. There are four levels of attainment, which will be certified following a student's CV submission in Year 13. The levels are:

Headteacher's Commendation - all four categories achieved plus extra attainment

Gold award - all four categories achieved

Silver award - three categories achieved

Bronze award - two categories achieved

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Leading Change

As part of our Learning for Life programme and with the new student leadership initiative, everyone will be challenged to make a difference to their community in a Youth Social Action project devised and led by students.



Enriching Others

Contributions to our community include supporting younger students in paired reading, mentoring, running clubs, sports coaching, assisting in main school classrooms and student leadership. Each Sixth Former is challenged to contribute for at least two whole terms.



Additional Qualification

Each Sixth Former is encouraged to stand out from the crowd by completing at least one additional qualification, including Extended Project Qualification, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, National Citizen Service, Young Enterprise, external music, drama or dance grades, sports leadership or officiating awards, and university-level Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).



Preparing for your Future

As part of actively participating in our award-winning programme of careers activities, each Sixth Former must complete at least one week's meaningful work experience related to their future career interests.

The Sixth Form Careers programme

The Misbourne is the lead school in Buckinghamshire for careers provision and at the most aspirational point we have assisted leavers to progress into the highest levels possible (such as the Royal Veterinary College, and highly paid degree apprenticeships). We expect all our Sixth Formers to participate actively in a careers programme designed to support and assist them toward their goals:

- **Year 12 Careers Day, Friday 24th June 2022** – students will gain business expert feedback on their CVs, undertake an online mock job interview and undertake the recruitment tests of a multinational company **The Misbourne Careers Fair, Spring term 2022** – Over 80 exhibitors for careers and university and a networking opportunity to secure meaningful work experience
- **Year 12 Work Experience Week, Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July 2022** – all students are assisted to secure a week's meaningful work experience to explore their career interests, as a minimum requirement and starting-point for considering more work experience at the start of their career



- **A dedicated Sixth Form tutor** that will co-ordinate your school leaver and university references as you move into applications in Year 13.

A variety of reward lunches, trips and team building activities throughout the year to celebrate your success, hard work and contributions to the school will also take place. Sixth Form is a much smaller community than you would have experienced before and as such it's important we build a warm and friendly ethos within the team. Everyone is expected to play their part and work together in achieving this.

We will request a small voluntary contribution in September to cover the additional cost of these activities so that we can provide these experiences for you. Any family that requires financial assistance for this or any other aspects of joining the Sixth Form should consult the **16-19 Bursary** section of the school website (under Sixth Form) or contact Mrs Cook in the Sixth Form office for more information (ccook@themisbourne.co.uk). We will inform all families of the first bursary deadline in September.

Right Choices Week takes place in the week beginning Monday 20th September 2021. The aim is to ensure that every Sixth Form student is taking the right three courses to be successful over their two years of study with us. Students will be assessed holistically by their teachers during their first few weeks of Sixth Form study. Where we feel that any student needs further guidance on their options before it is too late to make changes, we will meet with them and/or families. Following this week, all students then become 'locked' in to their chosen subjects and further changes can only be made in exceptional circumstances.

End of Year 12 **Predicted Grade Exams** are scheduled to take place during the week beginning 20th June 2022 which, in addition to providing a formal opportunity to support students with progression to Year 13, enables teachers to start writing references and finalising predicted grades for university or employment applications.

There are two formal opportunities for families to visit us with students during Year 12 for feedback on the students' courses and their progress. We will be holding (or broadcasting) a **Make The Grade Evening** on Thursday 13th January 2022 from 17:30-19:00, which will include a main talk in addition to a carousel of smaller talks from the subject teachers in person. Year 12 **Consultation Evening** takes place on Thursday 12th May 2022 in which you will be able to book appointments with teachers between 16:20 and 19:30.

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Enrolment instructions

All students and families should read and be prepared to agree to the **Sixth Form Working Together Agreement** which makes clear expectations of them throughout Years 12 and 13. Acceptance of this agreement will be completed in an electronic format at enrolment.

Year 12 enrolment for internal students takes place on GCSE Results Day on **Thursday 12th August 2021** from **9.00am – 2.00pm** in the school library following results collection in the main hall. You will be able to move through to enrolment after collecting your results in the following schedule:

- Student surnames A to F: 10:00 – 11:15
- Student surnames G to N: 11:30 – 12:45
- Student surnames O to Z: 13:00 – 14:15

We would ask that families remain outside of the school or within their car in the car park whilst you collect your results.

Internal applicants that hold an unconditional offer, or following receipt of their GCSE results have met the entry requirements of their conditional offer, should ask their families to fill in the [Sixth Form Admissions Form](#) to confirm their place as soon as possible and no later than 1 September 3.00pm.

Internal applicants that would like further guidance on their choices, or need to discuss falling under the entry requirements of their conditional offer, should speak to the Sixth Form team in the library on GCSE results day or on 1 September 1.00-3.00pm, or email sixthformadmissions@themisbourne.co.uk with a contact telephone number and the full details of the enquiry. The [Sixth Form Admissions Form](#) should be completed by families only when enrolment has been agreed and submitted as soon as possible and no later than 1 September 3.00pm.

External applicants who following receipt of their GCSE results have met the entry requirements of their conditional offer should send a clear scan of their GCSE results and their ID (passport or birth certificate) to sixthformadmissions@themisbourne.co.uk. Copies of ID will be kept securely for enrolment purposes only and then deleted. Following checking of results, they will be asked to fill in the [Sixth Form Admissions Form](#) to confirm their place as soon as possible and no later than 1 September 3.00pm. We regret that it is not possible for external applicants to attend enrolment in person on GCSE results day and contact should be made remotely in the first instance.

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Late applicants can make enquiries to sixthformadmissions@themisbourne.co.uk. If enrolment is possible due to a course being undersubscribed, they will be invited to attend on 1 September 1.00-3.00pm in the library to present their results and ID and complete enrolment including the [Sixth Form Admissions Form](#) if enrolment is agreed.

Following successful enrolment, your first day of Sixth Form will be **Friday, 3rd September 2021** with an arrival time by 08.35 and ending at 15.10. You will start your day by arriving to the Sixth Form study room to receive your timetables and information of your form group, before undertaking a detailed introduction programme with your new form tutor and the Sixth Form team. You will also be invited into school on Thursday, 2nd September to undertake a lateral flow test and the school will send out more information about that in advance. Preceding that, the school will be asking all students joining us to undertake a voluntary lateral flow test at home. Internal students will be able to pick up a new box of lateral flow tests at GCSE results day; external students if they do not have access to them are welcome to pick one up from the school reception on Friday 13 August 9.30-14.30. Lateral flow tests are also available to families from the government/NHS website.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions and we look forward to assisting you as you start your journey with The Misbourne Sixth Form.

Finally, Mr Dwight is moving on from The Misbourne this summer to take up a new role launching a Sixth Form in Hertfordshire. We are delighted to inform you that Miss Bartington will be Head of Sixth Form on an interim basis from September, supported by Mrs Hill and Mr Tebb as Interim Deputy Heads of Sixth Form. Mr Dwight wishes each and every student the best of luck in their journey joining The Misbourne Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely

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