

Dear students and families,

A warm welcome to The Misbourne Sixth Form!

We appreciate that the last months have been incredibly difficult for you with a massive interruption to your educational journey. The Misbourne will be reopening fully in September and we hope that your next two years will be the most exciting of your career so far. We have organised a range of activities designed to challenge you and help you reach your goals. 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.

Year 12 Learning for Life enrichment certificate, weekly on Wednesdays period 1 and three enrichment days held throughout the academic year

The step up to Sixth Form is challenging but we're going to show you how to do it! You will attend weekly seminars to help you to make a successful transition into Sixth Form studies. Topics include: getting organised and time management, note-taking and independent learning, plagiarism and referencing, how to set goals and your career. The programme then moves on to prepare you for adult life more generally. You will undertake activities to develop your confidence, character and resilience, and group work to develop team working, communication skills, leadership and problem solving. You will learn about how to travel independently, how to cook and eat healthily, stay safe, how to manage personal finances and how to prepare for your career or university life. We will also link you to opportunities for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, National Citizen Service and World Challenge which can all hugely develop your character, skills, attitude and confidence.

Safe Drive Stay Alive roadshow (autumn term, to be confirmed)

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.

Talk About the Future confident communication workshop (spring term, to be confirmed)

An important part of the Sixth Form experience is looking past your studies to the future, helping you to set realistic and achievable goals for your time with us. During this workshop you will develop oracy skills, boosting your confidence and self-esteem, and you will leave the day well on the way to completing your first CV, university application or preparing for upcoming interviews. *The Misbourne is being part-supported financially by Four Acre Trust to bring this high quality experience to our students.*

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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, Summer term 2021** – 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 2021** – Over 80 exhibitors for careers and university and a networking opportunity to secure meaningful work experience
- **Year 12 Work Experience Week, Summer term 2021** – all students 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.

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 21 September 2020. 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 21 June 2021 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. Students also undertake **Work Experience Week** during the week beginning 28 June 2021.

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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 8 October, 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 6 May 2021 in which you will be able to book appointments with teachers between 16.20 and 19.00.

All students and families should read and be prepared to sign 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 20 August 2020** from **9.00am – 2.00pm** in the school café following results collection in the main hall. You will be able to move through to enrolment after collecting your results in the following schedule:

- **11 ASC** 09.00 – 09.30
- **11 CHE** 09.45 – 10.15
- **11 DOR** 10.30 – 11.00
- **11 HUG** 11.15 – 11.45
- **11 MEN** 12.00 – 12.30
- **11 STO** 12.45 – 13.15

External students (and internal students unable to attend) will be able to complete enrolment from 09.00 by following instructions on the Sixth Form applications page of The Misbourne's website. For external students, this will also involve sending us a scan or photo of your GCSE results or equivalent qualifications and for identification purposes a copy of your passport or birth certificate (this copy is held securely and destroyed once enrolment is completed). Following receipt of copies of these documents, we will confirm your place by phone call as soon as possible.

If you are unable to attend our school or contact us remotely on GCSE results day, or if you need more time to make up your mind, we are holding an additional face to face enrolment session for both internal and external students on **Tuesday, 1 September 2020** from **13.00 – 15.00** in the library arriving through reception.

Your first day of Sixth Form will be **Wednesday, 2 September 2020** with an arrival time of 08.15 through Gate 3 off Misbourne Drive, the school day starting at 08.40 and ending at 15.05. You will start your day by arriving to the Sixth Form study room to receive your timetables and form group before undertaking a detailed orientation programme with your new form tutor and the Sixth Form team.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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