



Sixth Form End of Year Message – Summer 2024

We would like to thank our students for their positivity, maturity and focus during the academic year. They continue to be a credit to the school, and we are excited about what they can go on to achieve next year.

This year the Sixth Form has celebrated significant success. This is reflected in collective achievements including 82% of last year's university applicants, accepting a place at their first-choice place, the largest number of work experience placements ever undertaken. We have held many fundraising events within Sixth Form to raise money for breast cancer research, celebrating Pride and donating to The Proud Trust as well as supporting Year 12 student Liz Hatton, raising over £3,500 for her treatment plan and enabling her to fulfil her photography aspirations.

Student Leadership Team

I would like to thank Zack, Tess, Theo, Alice, Sam, Amy, Adam and Hannah for their hard work and service to the school over the last year and wish them all the best with their futures.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say what a positive impact the current Student Leadership Team has already had on the Sixth Form and the wider school. The team, led by Molly and Eleanor who were appointed in January along with Lulu, Tilly, Grace, Ethan, Victoria and Liz and will continue to represent the students at HGS with pride in September.

Year 13 Progression

Our students are celebrating success with offers from a wide range of universities, as well as apprenticeships and courses in art, music, drama and performing arts. 289 students applied to university which is 88% of the year group. Currently 53% of the applicants have accepted offers from Russell Group Universities to study a range of courses from History to Real Estate Management. It is fantastic to see the range of apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships undertaken by our Year 13 leavers increasing. Students are holding offers with companies across retail, marketing and business sectors. We would like to recognise the success of all our students on whatever their chosen pathway and wish them all the very best for their future. We are incredibly proud of our students and their achievements.

Year 12 Progression

We have been pleased with the work that our Year 12 students have done in developing their career ideas and planning for progression beyond the Sixth Form. Students embraced the opportunity to hear from a range of speakers, including 22 recent alumni, about universities, apprenticeships, gap years and careers. Students have all started the process of writing a personal statement for applications to university, apprenticeships or jobs, and they should take the opportunity to research courses over the summer using [Unifrog](#), and to visit universities. When students return in September, they will be completing their applications to submit within the autumn term.

It is important that our students have a well-earned break over the summer to re-charge in anticipation of returning to school in September. There are many opportunities for students to continue their personal and academic development over this period which can be found on our website. These include the MOOC's, bridging materials and information regarding open days and progression.

We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Mr Twitchin, Director of Sixth Form