

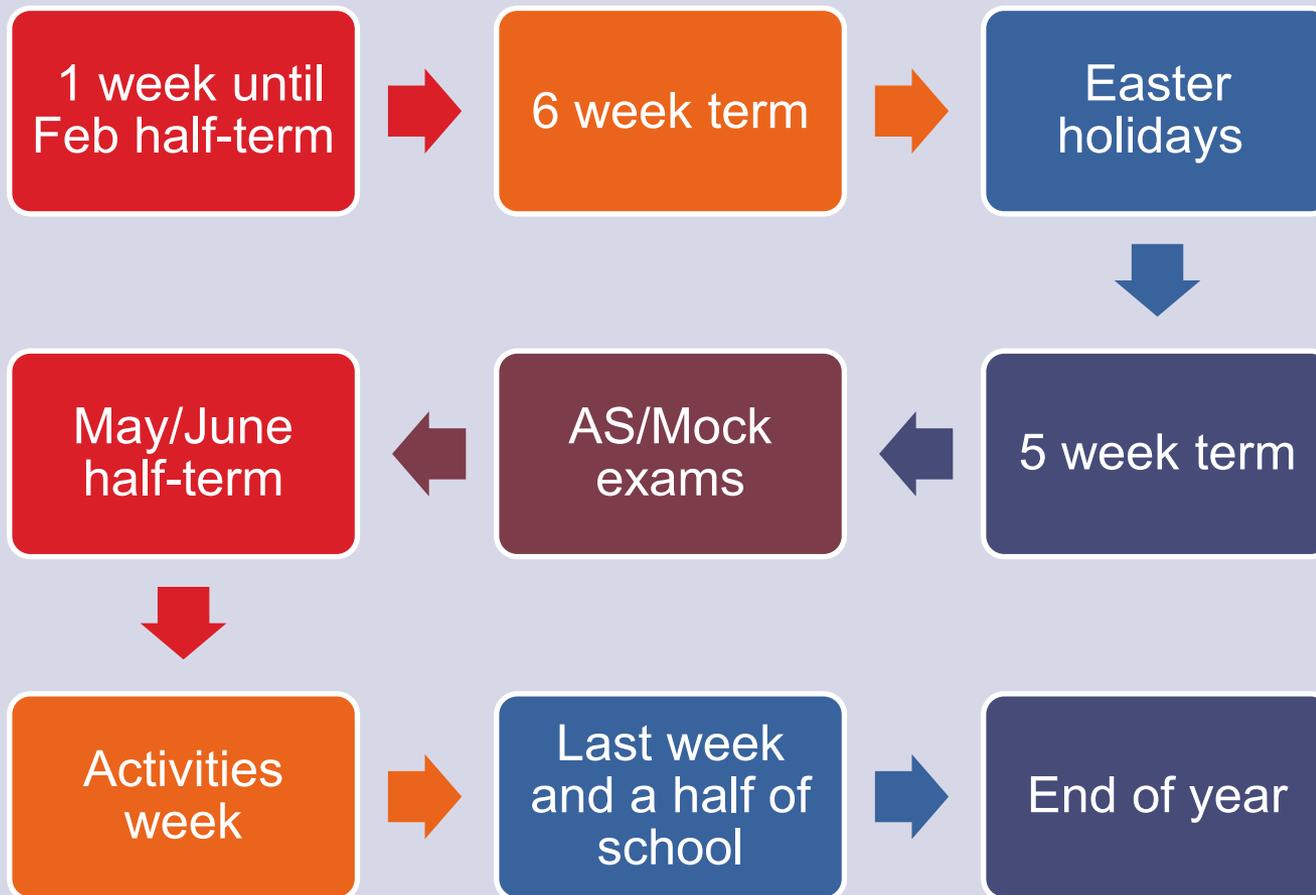
REDCLIFFE SIXTH FORM Y12 Parents/Carers' Information



FORMAT FOR THE PRESENTATION

- Key dates
- Academic Reminders
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Mock exams
- UCAS Predicted Grades
- Summer Term
- Pastoral Support
- Progression

The Second Half of Y12



KEY ACADEMIC REMINDERS

The current areas of focus for Yr12 are **independent** work, **revision** and **progression**

The biggest difference between A Levels and GCSEs is the independent work required

Planning each week and '**Hour for an Hour**'

This could include: Homework, revision, wider reading, exam practice

We have spent lots of time in **ViP** supporting students with expectations and study skills

Also lots of advice on the **study skills website** (accessible via the 6th form tab of the school website).

EXTENSION STUDIES / EXTENDED PROJECT

All students not doing Maths Studies have followed our **Extension Studies** course so far (wider social/political knowledge)

Students will decide if they want to continue with this as an **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**

The EPQ is an independent research project (typically a 5000 word essay) on a topic of a student's choosing which is the equivalent to an AS Level

Students who decide not to do an EPQ, will commit to **volunteering, super-curricular study or library lessons**

This decision can be changed at any point during Yr12 – students tell tutors, EPQ teacher or Mrs Apps

Y12 MOCK EXAMS

Mocks are the **first two weeks after the Easter holidays** (Mon 20 April-Friday 1 May)

Students still **attend all lessons** as normal around their mocks and teachers have been asked to use these lessons as teacher-led revision lessons

Mocks take place in the **Sports Hall**, in whole subject cohorts under exam conditions

The results in these exams will help teachers give **feedback**, decide on **predicted grades** and **UCAS predictions** (more on this later)

UCAS PREDICTED GRADES

We adopt a **consistent** and **evidence-based** approach to UCAS predicted grades

This ensures that predictions are both **aspirational** and **realistic**

UCAS predicted grades will be based upon a range of evidence such

- Assessments throughout Yr12 and Yr13
- End of Year 12 mock exam results
- Engagement levels and attendance
- Practical or coursework elements

AFTER MOCK EXAMS

You will receive a **grade-sheet** with:

- Mock grades
- Predicted grades
- Engagement levels
- Behaviour level
- UCAS predicted grades

Activities Week is Week of 6 July (Geog field work, work experience, Geneva Trip).

Last day before **summer holidays** - Wednesday 22 July

A Level Results day is Thursday 13 August (GCSE results are on the 20). This is just for students who sat AS exams. Results will be released at 9.00am both onsite and online via Bromcom.

KEY PASTORAL REMINDERS

Assembly fortnightly
on Wednesday

Registration every
Monday or Tuesday

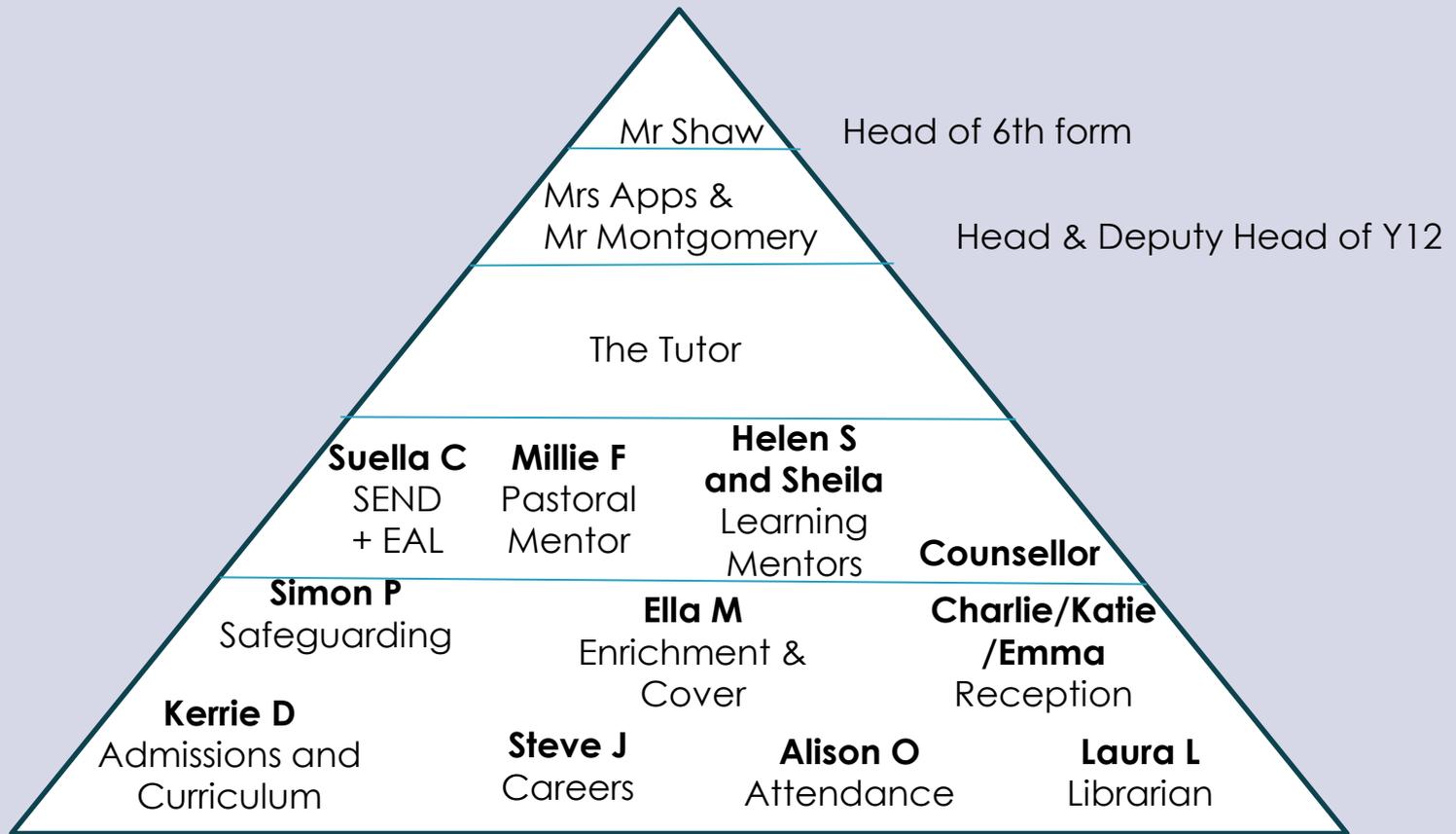
Any student who
needs more **support**
with structure may be
asked to sign in at
8:30

Students need to let
reception know if they
are **ill** and need to go
home

Behaviour Level
below a B reflects
concerns with
attendance or general
behaviour

Let us know if
students need
support – lots
available

PASTORAL SUPPORT



GETTING INVOLVED AS PARENTS/CARERS



- Point them towards their teachers and tutor if they seem unsure of anything
- Check in with HOY/DHOY if you think more support needed
- Support good attendance – Bromcom app
- Consider their work environment – can they focus without distraction at home or encourage use of local library
- Read the weekly newsletter & progression blog - point things out to them to apply for

PROGRESSION

Progression &
Careers Mornings

University and
Apprenticeship
Fair – Ashton Gate

University Trips

Tutorials & VIP

Progression Blog

Careers Adviser

PROGRESSION

- Careers Mornings - January
- Apprenticeship online talk – January & ongoing
- Ashton Gate University & Apprenticeship fair – **Friday 13th March**
- Progression Morning – **Thursday 18th March**
- University trips – Birmingham (**26th June**) and Oxford (1/2nd July)
- VIP Lesson focus
- Unifrog
- Work experience – activities week (6th-10th July)
- Newsletter/blog opportunities
- Art Foundation Guidance
- University & Apprenticeship Talks
- Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary sessions
- Oxbridge Sessions
- University Opens Days in T6
- Careers advice 1-1s



PROGRESSION

- **80%** of our students usually apply to university
- We will be encouraging all students to apply
- **Deadlines for UCAS**- Oct 15th 2026 for Oxbridge and Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry applications- **late November internal deadline** for all other applicants (**actual deadline Jan 13th 2027**)
- Students have **5 choices** in their application (usually same course at 5 different universities)
- Usually costs £27 per application
- Some might have admissions tests, interviews, portfolios in addition to the application
- Then students pick a **firm** and an **insurance** university from their choices
- Final destination is then confirmed on results day (unless they have an unconditional offer)
- Students can apply through UCAS on a gap year and in future years

PROGRESSION

- Lots of opportunities on the progression blog (accessed through the 6th Form website)
- Remember we also have a career's adviser who meets one-to-one with students, as advertised in the newsletter. Students should see reception if they would like to book an appointment.
- Mr Jones – jonesl@smrt.bristol.sch.uk

ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING