

Thursday 4 September 2025

Dear Y13 Parent/Carer,

Y13 2025/26 and the Y13 Parental Briefing on Wednesday 1 October

We hope you have had a great summer and this letter finds you well. This letter provides some key information for the year ahead but also promotes the 'Meet with the Tutor' opportunity coming up next week and the Y13 Parental Briefing on Wednesday 1st October.

Y13 Parental Briefing

Like last year there will be two parental briefings over the course of the year. Our first Parental briefing is on **Wednesday 1 October at 5pm** in the Sixth Form common room. This will cover many aspects of Y13 and give you an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the year including on the topic of progression. Please complete [this survey](#) to confirm that you will be attending. Students are not required to attend. When you arrive to our Sixth Form building please enter through the main entrance where you will find our reception and from here you will be directed to our Sixth Form common room. If you cannot attend we will be providing a recording of the presentation after the event and a link will be put on the school website.

Meet with the Tutor

On Thursday 11 September all lessons for all main school and Sixth Form students will finish at the end of P3 (12.25pm). This is to allow time for **Parents/Carers to meet with tutors and share any important information ready for the year ahead.** In Sixth Form as most tutors have two different tutor groups, one in Y12 and one in Y13, we will be offering each Parent/Carer an opportunity to meet with the tutor through a 5- minute online appointment. This is providing an opportunity for parents/carers to share any important information for the year ahead but if this is not necessary though or this information has already been shared in another way or at another time, please don't feel like you need to make an appointment. A parent/carer though can request more time than this if they think this is needed, by emailing davisk@smrt.bristol.sch.uk. You can book appointments and then use this system to access the online appointment through this link: <http://www.smrt.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>. Appointments for Thursday 11 September can be made from Saturday 6 September at 8.00am and will close on Tuesday 9 September at 8am. A short guide on how to log in and make appointments is included with this letter. Please note that Mrs Salisbury and Mrs Bevan, due to working days, are unavailable for appointments that afternoon, but please do contact them directly if they is anything specific you would like to share.

Y13 Key messages for the year

Students should now have their confirmed timetable for the year and know what time and where they are expected in school each day. In addition to their subjects they also have weekly tutor registration sessions on a Wednesday (for tutor groups that finish with the number 1) or Thursday (for tutor groups that finish with the number 2), and assembly fortnightly on a Tuesday Week Two for all. Our first assembly is on Tuesday 9 September at 8.30am. Students must be in their registration room for tutor registration and in the common room for assembly by 8.30am on these days and attendance is compulsory to enable us to fully support students to have a rewarding time with us.

Our website outlines all the key information you need to know including what to do if students are going to be absent from school. The school website also includes information on how to access the Parent MCAS (My Child At School) Bromcom App: <https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/supporting-your-child/bromcom-parent-carer-support> . This will also enable you to check and update contact and medical details, and have access to a student's timetable. It would be much appreciated if you could review in particular the medical details information that has been shared previously to ensure this is accurate.

Other key dates this year are:

Monday 17 November - Y13 Grade-sheet emailed to students and parents/carers with updated Predicted Grades and Engagement Levels.

Monday 12 January- Friday 23 January- Y13 Mocks. Please note that students will not be off-timetable during these two weeks.

Wednesday 28 January- Y13 Parental Briefing at 5pm to provide information on preparing for summer exams, student finance and progression decisions.

Monday 9 February- Y13 grade-sheet emailed to students and parents/carers with mock grades, and updated engagement and predicted grades.

Tuesday 10 February- Y13 Online Parent/Carers subject consultation evening (you will receive the details for this in January)

Wednesday 6 May- A Level and AS exams start

Friday 15 May – Y13 Last day and start of study leave

Wednesday 24 June – Y13 Leavers Ball

Some additional dates for any student who picked up a new subject this year and therefore in a Y12 class- Monday 20 April – Friday 1 May 2026- Y12 Mocks, and Wednesday 3rd December- Online Parent/Carers subject consultation evening.

Key university application dates:

Friday 3 October- Internal deadline for early entry university applications (for students applying to study Medicine, Veterinary science, dentistry, and/or study at Oxford or Cambridge), to ensure that the school can send applications to universities before the UCAS deadline of 15 October at 6pm.

Wednesday 14 January- UCAS deadline for all other students. We expect these students to have completed their sections of UCAS before the Christmas holiday.

For general questions, to contact subject staff, or to notify us of an absence, please contact Reception at 6thform@smrt.bristol.sch.uk (please include the student name and tutor group) or via the switchboard on 0117 353 2073. If you have any other questions about your young person's welfare or educational progress, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With Best Wishes

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