

REDCLIFFE SIXTH FORM Y13 Parents/Carers' Information



FORMAT FOR THE PRESENTATION

- Exam results and ethos
- 6th Form ALIVE standards
- Pastoral support and 6th form processes
- Study Skills support
- Getting involved as parents/carers
- Preparing to move on

EXAM RESULTS

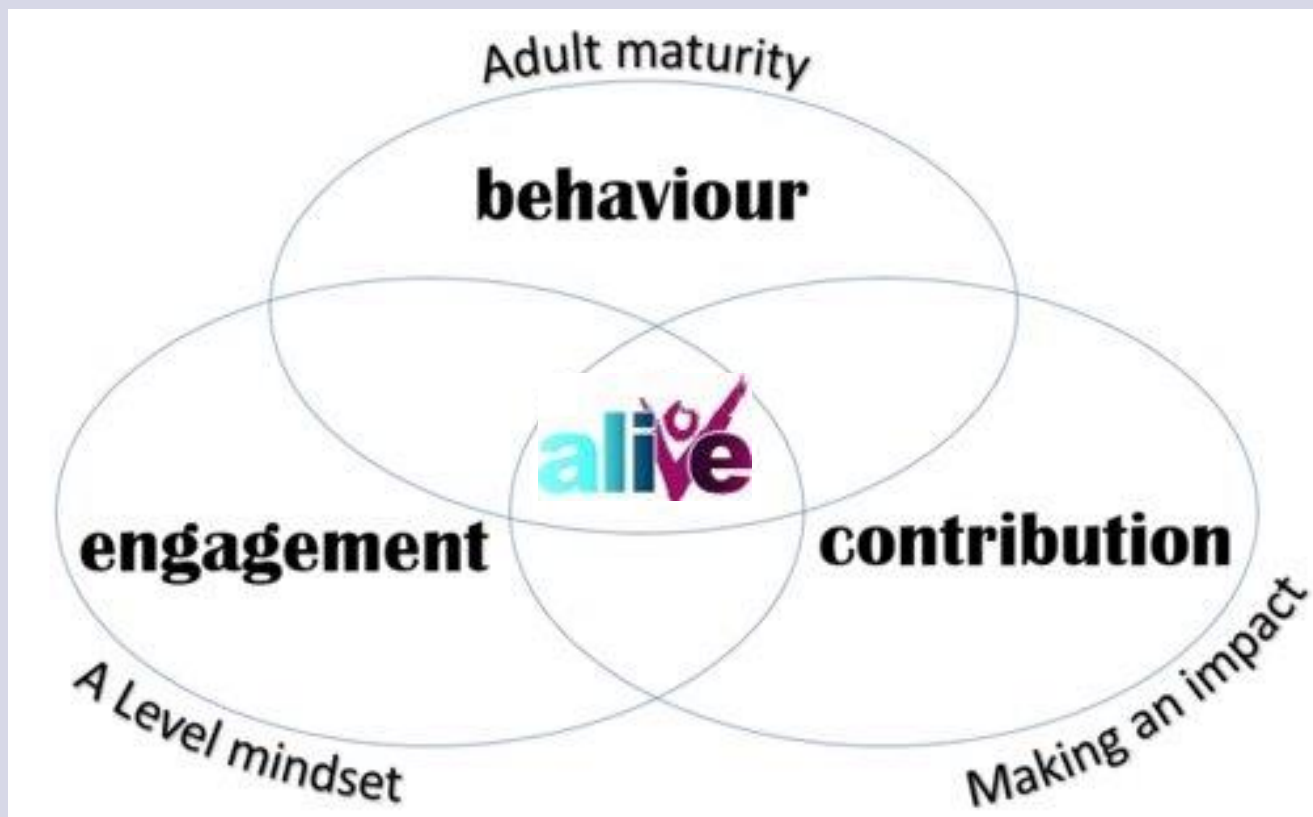
KS5 Results	2019	2023	2024	2025	2026
KS5 grades at A+	23.6%	24.4%	26.2%	26.9%	32.2%
KS5 grades at B+	49.5%	53.1%	57.8%	57.1%	61.8%
KS5 Grades at C+	75.2%	78.1%	79.3%	82.4%	82.3%
KS5 Pass rate	98.1%	98.3%	97.5%	97.8%	98.5%
KS5 Avg Grade per entry	C+	B-	B-	B-	TBC

8 students confirmed places at Oxford or Cambridge
 76% of UCAS applicants accepted to firm choice
 courses

NATIONAL PICTURE

Grade Achieved	National 2025	SMRT 2025	National 2026	SMRT 2026
A*	9.4%	7.6%	9.6%	12.1%
A*- A	28.3%	26.9%	28.5%	32.2%
A*- B	55.2%	57.1%	55.8%	61.8%
A*- E	97.5%	97.8%	97.5%	98.5%

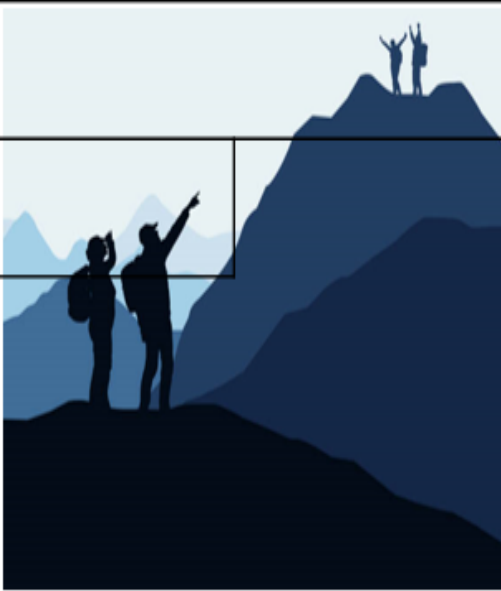
6TH FORM STANDARDS



St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School - Engagement, Behaviour and Contribution Levels
(smrt.bristol.sch.uk)



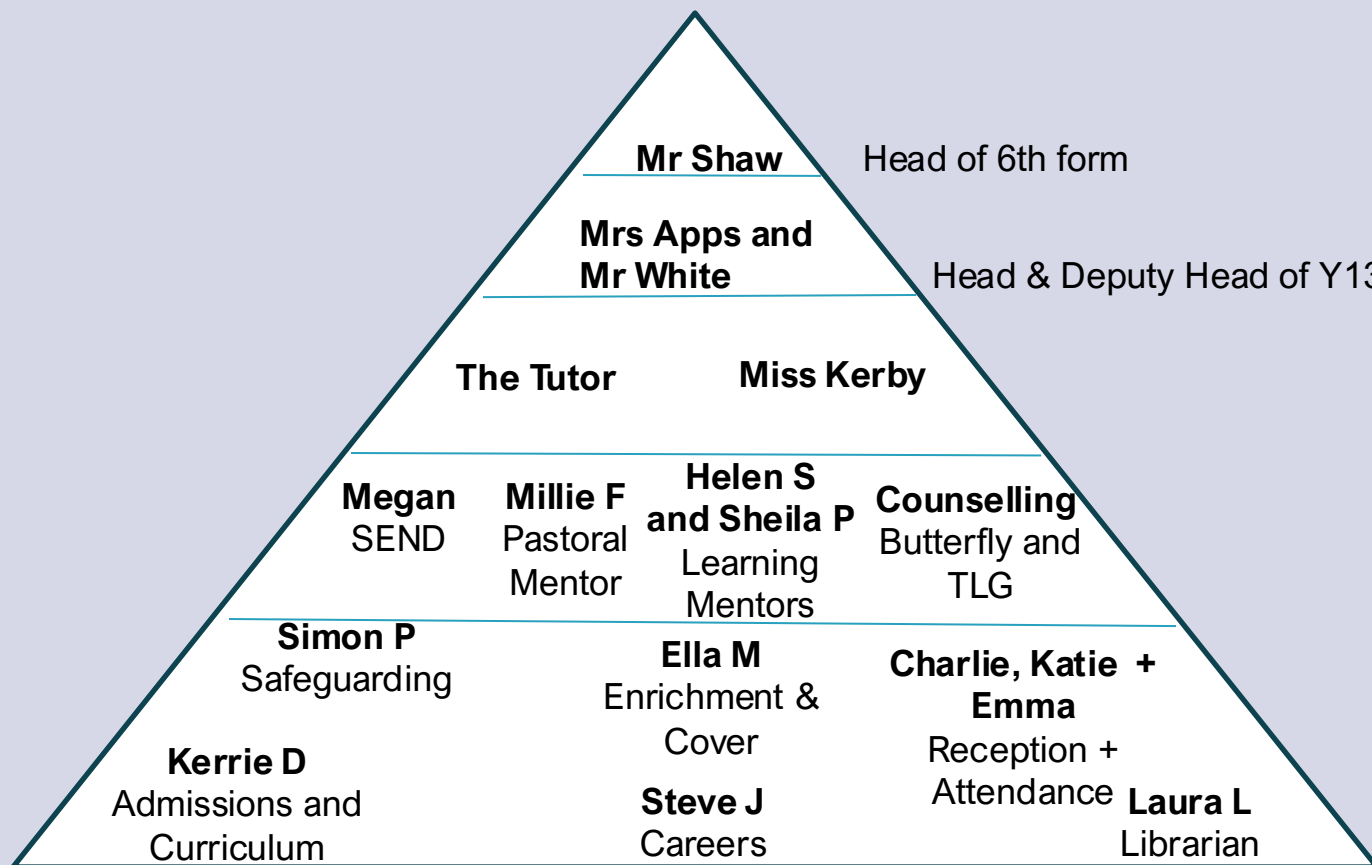
PLOTTING THE COURSE

A*	Star quality!	
A	A Level <u>mindset</u> and Adult maturity	
B	Beginning the journey, Basic skills and expectations met	
C	Causing concern in behaviours or engagement	
D	Deepening concern	
E	Extreme concern!	

THE YEAR 13 ACADEMIC JOURNEY

- Teachers are marking and assessing all the time, but we will also have some more formal periods of assessment
- **Tuesday 17 November - Y13 Grade-sheet** emailed to students and parents/carers with updated Predicted Grades and Engagement Levels.
- **Monday 11 January- Friday 22 January- Y13 Mocks.** Please note that students will not be off-timetable during these two weeks.
- **Wednesday 27 January- Y13 Parental Briefing** at 5pm to provide information on preparing for summer exams, student finance and progression decisions.
- **Tuesday 9 February- Y13 grade-sheet** emailed to students and parents/carers with mock grades, and updated engagement and predicted grades.
- **Wednesday 10 February- Y13 Online Parent/Carers subject consultation evening** (you will receive the details for this in January)
- **Monday 10 May- A Level and AS exams start**
- **Friday 14 May – Y13 Last day** and start of study leave
- **Wednesday 23 June – Y13 Leavers Ball**

LEVELS OF PASTORAL SUPPORT



PASTORAL SUPPORT IN MORE DETAIL

Registration: 8:30 on
Weds/Thurs with tutor

VIP and tutorials: One
lesson a week, 1:1 check
ins and progression
support with tutor

Assembly: 8:30 every
other Tuesday –
progression, A Level
mindset, Enrichment,
RAG, external
opportunities

Progression: Miss Kerby
and Steve

Interventions: 8:30 sign
ins, library catch up,
support plans

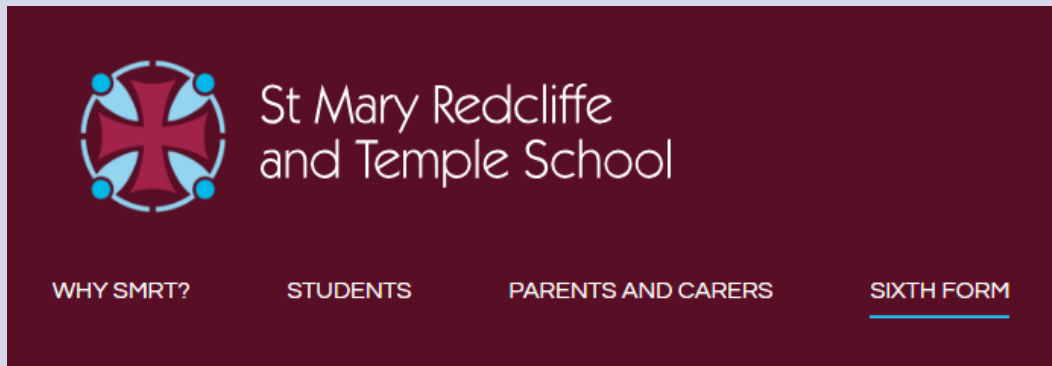
Any additional support:
Students can speak to
tutor or Mrs Apps / Mr
White to
access wellbeing or
learning support

INDEPENDENT STUDYING

'Hour for an hour'

- Quality of independent study makes a huge difference to success in Yr13
- Students should expect to do spend **one hour working independently for every hour in a lesson**
- This works out at roughly 15 hours for students studying 3 subjects
- This should be a combination of work set by the teacher and routine study tasks
- There's no such thing as “no homework”
- Guidance on how to study independently in VIP and on our study skills website...

THE STUDY SKILLS WEBSITE AND SHAREPOINT



- Advice from teachers and students
- Subject specific guidance
- Motivation and attitude
- How to plan and keep organised
- How to revise

SUPPLEMENTARY OPTIONS

To meet the requirements for full-time study all students need to ensure they have confirmed their supplementary option with us...

4th subject – does not apply to many students

EPQ - Easter final deadline

Maths Studies (AS equivalent)

Super-curricular - wider reading / online learning

D of E/Work Experience/Volunteering - an hour a week / - 30 hours total

Library lessons - for students who really struggle to self-organise and meet deadlines

LEADERSHIP AND ENRICHMENT

Leadership

- Senior Students
- Subject mentors
- Tutor mentors
- Main school volunteering – Yr7 reading, 1:1 mentoring

Enrichment

- Leading clubs and societies
- Getting involved
- Med soc, football, debate, Warhammer, board games, band, LGBT, BAME, Politics, Psychology, Redcliffe Report, MUN, Law, Art & crafts, Dance, Sign Language, Film club

ATTENDANCE ROUTINES



We know attendance matters



Parents/carers call the absence line each day the student is absent or email 6thform@smrt.bristol.sch.uk



For a doctor's appointment, students should complete an 'absence in advance' form, available from reception / email staff and ask what will be missed.



All attendance and punctuality issues are taken seriously and chased up.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

- Support us with attendance monitoring
- Read the weekly **newsletter** and point things out to them
- Contact the tutor if you have concerns
- Watch out for signs of **stress** – let us know
- Don't let **paid work** get out of balance (max 8 hours /week)
- Ask students what they are doing and get them to **talk** about it!
- Offer to **test** them on things – it does help
- Find out how homework is recorded on **Bromcom**
- Consider student's work-life balance!
- Direct them to us for any concerns about progression plans, welfare or academic work.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT



- **Free school meals** - threshold increased this year.
 - **Targeted:** households receiving Universal Credit with annual net earnings of £7,400 or less (after tax, excluding benefits).
 - **Expanded:** A new tier covering pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400 – need to reapply each year.
- **Bursary scheme** – means tested but supports households with a wider range of incomes. On the application select which FSM group you are.
- **Enabling fund** - for non-bursary students. Supports with trips and learning / enrichment activities (details on the school website)

See Millie Feldman (based in the office in front of reception) to request assistance.

THE YEAR 13 PROGRESSION JOURNEY

- Use of Tutorial periods
- Unifrog website – all research including apprenticeship, GAP year, CV writing etc
- SMRT Progression website – all school specific information
- UCAS website – University applications
- Careers advisor

UCAS

- UCAS predicted grades
- Personal Statement
- UCAS reference
- Contextual Offers – Bristol, Exeter, Contextual Offer Finder

Deadlines

- 1st October 2026 – Music conservatoire
- 15th October 2026 (school deadline 2nd October) - early entry deadline (Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Science)
- December 11th 2026- Internal UCAS Equal Consideration deadline
- January 13th 2027 – UCAS Equal Consideration deadline for all other courses (**Most students will submit before December**)
- GAP year – we will support

ADDITIONAL EXAMS

Route	Exam	Deadlines	Key Info
Medicine	UCAT	CLOSED	Sent directly to university & considered different by each.
Cambridge	College Admissions	Various – check with colleges	Externally sat at Pearson VUE test centres. Most will be sat in Oct – info on subject pages
Oxford			
Law	LNAT	From 1st Aug	Must be sat by deadline of submissions.
Maths	TMUA- various universities including Oxford	CLOSED	Sat at Pearson VUE test centre by 31st Oct. Must be sat by submission of UCAS application
	STEP – Cambridge	Feb 2027 entry	Contact exams@smrt.bristol.sch.uk (as this is the only one registered through and sat at school)
Engineering	ESAT	CLOSED	Used by Imperial College London, Cambridge and UCL for Engineering and Science based subjects

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Lots of opportunities on the Progression Blog
 - BDO Accountancy and Business Apprenticeship
 - HSBC Finance/Banking Degree Level Apprenticeship
 - Burges-Salmon Legal Apprenticeship
- Apprenticeship & University Fair @ Ashton Gate on Thursday 15 October (but all went to this last year)
- Unifrog – Apprenticeship Tool
- Amazing Apprenticeships Shortlist

COMING UP & OPPORTUNITIES

- January parental briefing includes Uni Finance talk
- New student finance system this year called 'Lifelong Learning Entitlement'
- Same talk for students during an extended tutor session, open to apply in April
- Bristol Scholars Programme
- 1:1 meetings with career advisor
- Progression blog linked on newsletter – opportunities
- Work Experience- 'Not Impossible'

ANY QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING