

Life in the Sixth Form College

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Congratulations!

- **Students starting this week all met the criteria to join South Hunsley Sixth Form**
- **85% of SHS Students achieved 9-4 in English and Maths GCSEs.**
 - **63% achieved 9-5**
- **Overall, the GCSE results show students making impressive progress**

Thank you for all the support you gave your children and their teachers in working towards the GCSE exams

Sixth Form Results

- **100% pass rate**
- **73%** of grades were A* - C
- **1/3** of students achieved at least one A* or A grade
- **Outstanding** performance across applied subjects
- Students heading of to a wide range of universities and courses, or starting at fantastic apprenticeship or employment opportunities
- Top 15% of 6th Forms nationally for progress

University Destinations

- 74% of students in at first choice
- 11% in at insurance

- 21% at Russell Group

Sixth Form Team

Mr Jacobs & Mr Hobbs

Directors of Sixth Form

Mrs Barley

Employer Led Programme; apprenticeships and careers; extended curriculum

Mrs Berry

Post 16 Student Support and attendance

Mrs Whittaker & Mrs Macdougall

LRC Supervisors (Mrs Macdougall – also attendance)

Sixth Form Tutors

10 Form Groups

Mrs Berry: Student Support

- **First point of contact for queries**
- **Attendance monitoring**
- **Referral Routes**
- **Pastoral Support and Mentoring**
- karen.berry@southhunsley.org.uk

Life in the Sixth Form

- More freedom & more responsibility
- Role-models for younger students
- LRC (8:30am-5pm)
 - ***LRC Induction with form group***
 - Quiet learning environment
 - Assessments
 - Cover lessons
- Study areas
- Sixth Form Café
 - *Lunch Times: Period 4a / Period 4b*

Level 3 Courses

- **A Level courses:**
 - All exams take place at the end of Year 13 and cover content from the whole 2 years
 - Some courses have a coursework element – submitted in Year 13, but could be completed in Year 12
 - No external exams in Y12, except in Further Maths (AS exam)
 - Mock exams at the end of Year 12

Level 3 Courses

- **Vocational courses**
- **BTEC / OCR Cam Tec** – 50% external exam 50% coursework (except Art)
- **Financial Studies:** 100% modular exams
- All exams have resit opportunities
- Exams in both Year 12 and Year 13 – January and June
- Mock exams in Year 12 – but might be earlier if external exams in summer

GCSE resits (Maths/English)

- Any student without Grade 4 Maths or Grade 4 English will need to retake exams
- Students will be entered into Sixth Form resit classes
 - ***If this hasn't happened, let us know ASAP!***
- Exams in November (results in January) and June – in Year 12 and Year 13
- As soon as grade 4 is achieved, students stop classes

Approach to studies

- Transition from teacher-controlled pattern at GCSE
- Plan time carefully & meet deadlines
- Independent Learning (4/5 hours per subject per week – not just homework)
- ‘5th Hour’ of Year 12 lessons
- Study periods
- VLE & subject handbooks
- Max. 10 hours paid employment per week
- Work/life balance

Morning Registration

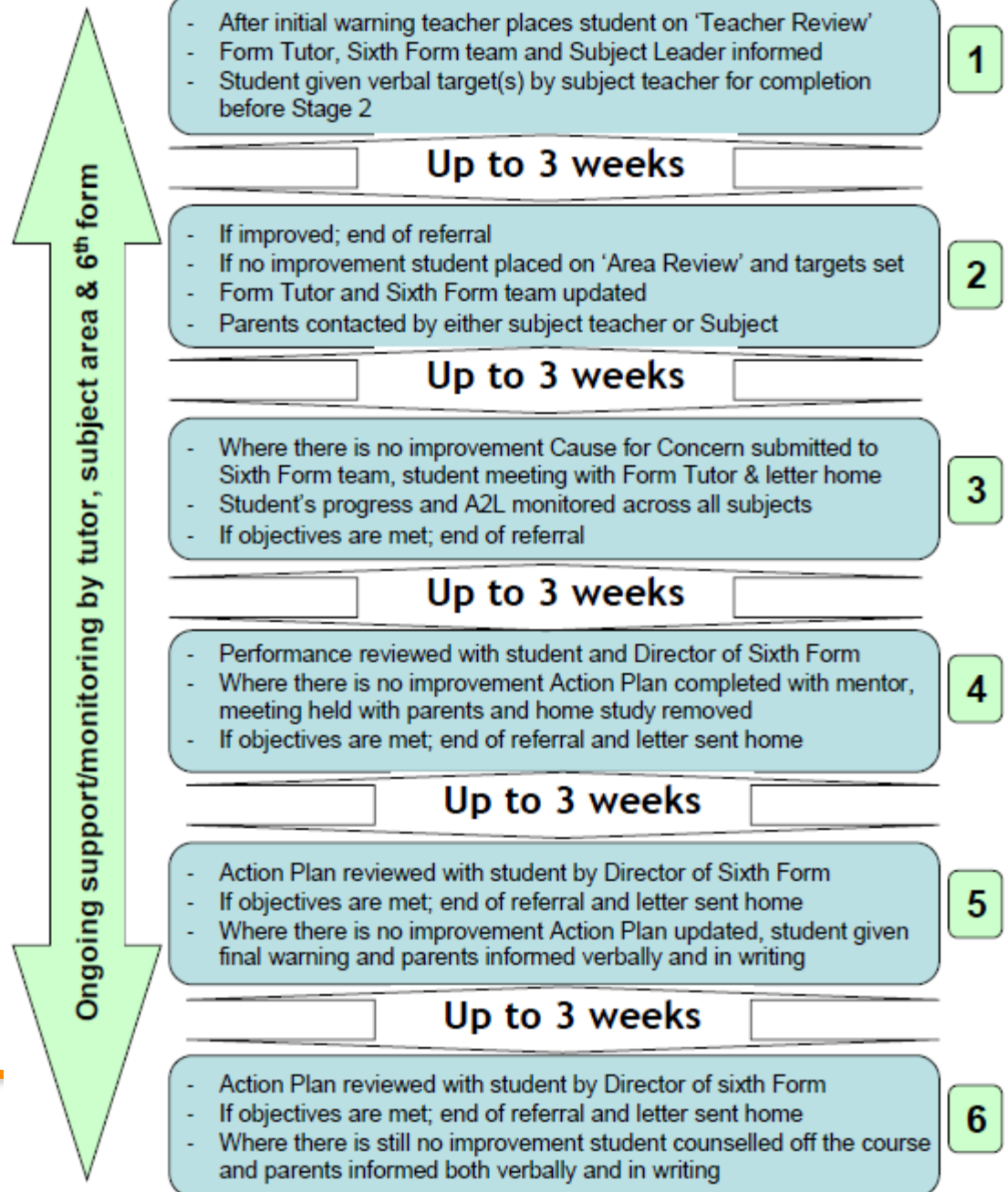
- Key role of the Personal Tutor
- Assemblies every other Monday during registration – take place in The Hub
 - First Year 12 assembly Monday 16th September
- **Students must attend registration every morning up until Friday 27th September (inclusive)**
- Personal Tutor review meetings (from October) - Attendance is crucial and closely monitored
 - ***Students missing two appointments or two assemblies in any term are placed into daily LRC registration for two weeks***

Attendance

- Full details of attendance policy and procedures in planners. A **summary** is on page 3
- Students must attend **all** lessons
 - Students must see Mr Hobbs or Mrs Berry in person if they need to leave school when they have lessons
- AM registration and assembly
- Attendance below 90% closely monitored
- Keep Sixth Form informed – **Phone/email on morning of absence**
 - *Ex. 195 and/or lrc@southhunsley.org.uk*
- Holidays

Referral routes

Stages of Sixth Form Academic Monitoring 2015/16



Email and Communication

Student Email vital for communication

- Students should check email every day (6th Form Learning Agreement)
- Please ensure **your** contact details are kept up to date
 - Alerts to progress data releases
 - 6th Form, tutors and teachers will often use email to contact you
 - We will often copy you into email communication with your sons/daughters

Lockers

Site Security

- Lockers are available - £5 for two years
 - Students encouraged to share
- Sixth Form students **must** wear their ID card and lanyard at all times when on the school site
 - Card also used for Sixth Form canteen payments, gate access and printers
- There is no student parking anywhere on the school site

Community Contribution

- Sixth Form Experience
- 36 hours per year
 - *Record details in planner; show form tutor*
- Linked to curriculum or interests
- Gain vital employment skills
- Enhance CV and UCAS application
- Give something back
- House system

Students should start speaking to teachers, departments and tutors now about opportunities

Other Opportunities

- Student Leadership Team
- South Hunsley Student Union
- Employment in school
- Mentoring younger students
- Work experience
- Clubs & Societies
- Early applicants and university preparation
- Medical pathway
- Business and Industry Links

Enrichment Studies

- Combination of academic & extra-curricular activities
 - Core Maths
 - [ECDL level 3](#)
 - EPQ - Foster positive approach to independent learning
 - ***Launched next term***
- Sign up this week***

PD Days

- Integral part of Sixth Form experience
- Study skills & seminars
- Careers and Higher Education
- Team-building and enterprise
- Subject-specific revision days

Attendance at PD Days is **compulsory!**

All absences are followed up and unauthorised absence codes recorded

Students can't self-certify absence on PD Days

Out of school appointments need to be rearranged

With the exception on Sports Day, there are NEVER any days during the school year that Year 12 students aren't required in school!

Looking to the future

- Look forward & set realistic targets
- 3 data collections/reviews
- On-going assessment
- Minimum Target grades (ALPS)
- Target setting
- Target groups & action plans
- Guidance from Sixth Form team & tutors
- **Thursday 10th October: Parent-Tutor evening**

Money Matters

- 16-19 Bursary fund
 - Major and Minor (deadline for backdated Major applications: end of September)
- Forms on the VLE; hard copies in 6th form office
- Bus travel
 - Finance office

Start of term

- **6th Form Learning Agreement** – *return to tutor by Friday*
- Students to attend every registration Friday 27th September (inclusive)
- October onwards – fortnightly progress meetings
- **Course change deadline - Fri 28th September**

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