

Post 16

Exmouth Community College



Spring term 2017

It's been a great year so far but as the Spring term draws to an end it's a good time to breathe deep, take stock and plan for Easter and the Summer. Ms Thomas and Mr Tanner have read all the reports in Post 16, and it's clear most Year 12s have successfully made the difficult transition to A level courses; those who haven't are planning change. The Year 13s look set for great results according to the data, and have some fantastic university offers – thanks in no small part to Ms Thomas's brilliant UCAS support. With major deadlines hitting just before the end of term students have pulled out all the stops and are now exhausted. Students deserve a rest then should follow the revision and preparation plans they've made.

Outside the classroom there's been the usual heady mix of brilliant learning events such as in Business, Geography and Psychology, the London Tate and Globe trip, the success of Robotclub and shows such as The Blend and the upcoming Music show, and of course the Vietnam trip gets closer.

Adapting our teaching to the new A level courses has been crucial, especially for the Year 12's. They will have a formal assessment week from 6th – 11th July not only to test progress so far, but to help their exam preparation and performance skills. Students whose results and/or attendance suggest they will fail will need to change what they are doing, and may be advised to change courses at this stage. There will be no study leave, as we need to use all available teaching time, but a student who has an exam the next morning should feel free to ask a teacher if he or she can take the preceding afternoon off lessons, and where a student has an afternoon exam he or she can negotiate with teachers not to be in any morning lessons. Year 13 study leave will start formally after half term, though some lessons for late exams will continue.

Key Dates

Year 12	Year 13
Year 12 formal exam week 6 th - 11 th July	Year 13 Study Leave 5 th June
Year 12 Work Experience 17 th - 21 st July	Year 13 Signing out day 23 rd June
Post 16 results day 17 August	Year 13 Prom 5 th July

Gearing up for Easter: practical steps for students and parents

Some practical tips to support success:

1. Arrange files so they're useful for revision, (this is something you could help a lot with!)
2. *Alongside day to day homework*, have 20 min sessions a day of consolidating learning. Make mind maps/ notes. Reread poems etc. Students should have a timetable which 'chunks' courses to make this easy-why not stick the plans up and tick off completed topics so you can support progress?
3. Get individual advice from their teachers! You can't do this enough!!

A key focus for Year 12's needs to be organising a good work experience or summer school.

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