



# SIR THOMAS FREMANTLE SCHOOL

A CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AGED 11-19

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**re: settling in to Sixth Form**

I do hope that your child has settled well into Sixth Form and that the first lessons have been enjoyable. We really enjoyed these few introductory days with our new Sixth Formers, who have been praised by staff as an exemplary group. I firmly believe that this is a title that they will retain into the future, extending to their academic accomplishments as much as it does to their capacity for beating the Taskmaster!

I thought it might be helpful at this point to highlight some important information regarding this term.

- 1. Subject Choices:** It is inevitable, as students settle in, that some will want to change subjects as they realise that the courses do not necessarily suit them. We are happy for course changes to take place within the first two weeks, but ask that these are concluded by then as we do not want students to be having to do significant catch up work at the start of their A Levels.
- 2. Study Areas and Mobile Phones:** In contrast to the rest of the school, we do allow students in Sixth Form to use their mobile phones on site. We do however insist that these are used **only in the common room and Vaisey (quiet study room)**. These are permitted for music, appropriate research, etc. – but not for gaming and social media. Some students are taking a little while to adapt to this, and so we will be informing the Sixth Form that students who have visible mobile phones and/or earphones, or who break the rules in relation to the above-described restrictions, will have their phones confiscated if they are seen outside of the common room. They will be returned at the end of the day, though this privilege may be removed if there are repeat 'offenders'.
- 3. Year 12 Tutor Review – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 5pm -7pm:** We would encourage all parents/carers – whether new to the school or not – to book an appointment to meet your child's tutor on this evening. Tutors are the key people in the academic life of all students, who will guide them through from the start of Sixth Form to the A Levels in 2019. Slots are for 10 minutes, and will allow you to ask any questions and review how the year has started for your child. **Slots are booked on your behalf by students during their tutor sessions.**
- 4. Book Orders:** We do expect that students purchase their own copies of necessary texts – as this allows a source for revision, and for appropriate highlights/annotations within a text: book lists were given out on Sixth Form Registration Day. If you need us to email you a copy of the book list, please contact [louise.wetherall@sirthomasfremantle.org](mailto:louise.wetherall@sirthomasfremantle.org)



5. **Reports and Parents' Evening:** Year 12 reports will be issued in on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020: these will focus on key points to focus on in the coming year, rather than a summative document at the end. There will then be a more summative Parents' Evening on 16<sup>th</sup> June which will highlight progress across the year and will be used to prepare for the formal exam period, which will commence in late June.

If you feel that there is anything further the school could do to support your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch with their tutor and we will do our best to help them. I wish you all the best for the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

**Matthew Pike**  
**Head of Sixth Form**

