

Dear Applicant to Springwood 6th Form

We hope that you are well and not too bored!

If the world had not gone mad, you would have been joining the 6th Form team at Springwood in the summer term to participate in our Y11 - 12 transition days. You would have had the opportunity to catch up with the 6th Form Team, meet your teachers and get to know your new peer group. You would have tried out more lessons and received the summer tasks set by each subject.

Summer tasks are central to the transition process at Springwood 6th Form. Each department sets its own summer tasks, which are primarily intended to prepare prospective students for the challenge of 6th Form Studies; however, they also play a crucial role in the initial assessments - assessments which are designed to ensure that students are studying the correct subjects. They are, therefore, very, very important.

Traditionally, these tasks would be completed during the summer holidays; however, we have decided to make them available to you now. To complement these summer tasks, departments have set a range of other work in order to help you prepare for study at Springwood 6th Form. While summer tasks are compulsory - you cannot join a course unless you have completed the relevant summer tasks to a good standard - the additional work provided is optional, but desirable. Our experience at Springwood is that it is those students who read beyond the curriculum and go the extra mile that gain places on the most prestigious apprenticeships or go on to attend Russell Group universities.

This additional work set by departments may include the following:

- Reading/ Viewing lists: try to read at least one of the suggested texts and engage with the recommended viewing. For some departments, this may be compulsory. Check to see if you are required to complete a reading log, or undertake a related task.

- MOOCS (Massive, Online, Organised, Content): MOOCS are remote learning packages developed by universities and made freely available. In many cases, they may not be directly related to the level 3 curriculum which you will be studying. However, it is those students who learn more independently and demonstrate a genuine interest in their subjects who go on to succeed. They are highly recommended as a way passing your lock-down time profitably and may feed into EPQ projects, or personal statements.

- PiXL Independence (French and Spanish only): these materials take the form of quizzes, links and recommended reading. The answers are included in the folder.

- Pixl Gateway (Music and PE): PiXL Gateway is a transition unit for Y11 students joining Y12. It includes tasks and reading, viewing lists.

We are aware that, at this stage, some of you will be reflecting on your original option choices and considering making changes. This is entirely natural. Indeed, one really good way to determine whether or not you have chosen the correct course is to undertake the

summer task and additional work. All of the work set by subjects is available on the website and you are at liberty to complete as much of it as you would like. Let us know if it helps you clarify your options.

Many departments have suggested trips or visits related to their subject area. Please be reassured that we do not expect you to be travelling anywhere at this time. However, some of these suggested visits may be replaced by a virtual tour of a museum, or art gallery: many such tours are available online. Alternatively, a suggested trip might lend itself to a research project.

In summary, all of the work referred to in this communication is to be found on the Springwood High School website:- Sixth Form -> Join Our Sixth Form ->Summer Tasks 2020
<https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/page/?title=Summer+Tasks+2020&pid=201>
Summer tasks set by your chosen subjects are compulsory and should be undertaken with great care. They are to be submitted to your class teacher when you join 6th Form in September. No excuses!

Unless otherwise stated, all other work is optional, but desirable.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Take care!



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