

Sixth Form Student Update



Caludon Castle School

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Sixth Form Team Information

Hello Year 12

It has been lovely to see so many of you over the past few weeks. We are looking forward to seeing you in September when we hope the world has gone back to normal!

A new academic year means new beginnings and fresh starts. If you can let go of the past by freeing yourself of failures and disappointments, you can embrace a new perspective—a fresh look at the future and all the wonderful possibilities it holds.

With the new school year comes 365 new and exciting days to mark your destiny. Now is the perfect time to pursue a new beginning.



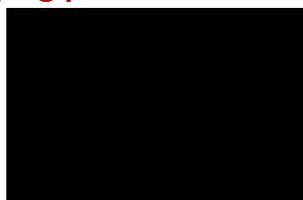
New Year, New You

What are you going to do now to make sure you have your best year ever? What one thing will mean the difference in actually achieving your goals rather than chalking them up to yet another year's unfulfilled resolutions? Think about it.

Spotlight on Grit – staying power at school

TED

Ideas worth spreading



<https://www.success.com/ted-talks-grit-the-power-of-passion-and-perseverance/>

In this TED Talk, psychologist Angela Lee Duckworth champions grit, a success trait with little scientific backing. However, after working as a teacher, she saw first-hand how students who were willing to persevere through the school year came out on top. These hard-working students were the most likely to become graduates, proving that anyone could outwork their perceived talent level or IQ by getting gritty.

Have a look at the video and think about how you can get yourself ready to make the best start you can for the next stage of your academic career.

Current Affairs

China's government has passed a new law that gives it more power over Hong Kong but lots of people living there aren't happy with what it will mean for their freedom.

It came into force on 1 July. [Over the last year there have been lots of protests in Hong Kong](#) as the government in China suggested several new laws for the region.

A law that changed how crimes were dealt with, and sparked [many protests](#) was dropped, but people feel this new law is even stronger and will end their freedom of speech, as well as stop them from protesting if they're unhappy with how Hong Kong is being run.

Hong Kong used to be controlled by the UK and this led to life there being very different to the rest of China. The differences mean that many people in Hong Kong don't want the Chinese government getting too involved in how the area is run and their unique laws. Some critics are worried that it could mean life in jail if they break the new law by doing things like protesting.

Looking ahead

Many of you are well on your way with your UCAS application and have started to write your personal statements. If you are applying for a course with a 15th October deadline, then try to get your personal statement completed by the end of term so your tutors can have a look through it. For all other courses, have a go at completing it over the summer.

The [UniTaster days](#) website is offering weekly webinars throughout the summer on a variety of areas including subjects, specific universities, degree apprenticeships, help with personal statements and how the EPQ can support your university application. These take place every Tuesday and you can also look back at previous events that have taken place.

Even though there won't be any summer schools going ahead, the University of East Anglia based in Norwich (UEA) is offering a virtual summer school. Topics that are covered include writing personal statements, student finance and study skills. Click [here](#) to register!

If you aren't planning on going to university, have a look at [this](#) website for more information about apprenticeships.

This is the last student newsletter of the year but we will be in touch regarding results day once the details have been finalised. Have an excellent summer holiday whatever you are planning to do!

Take care and stay safe!

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