

November 2021

'D6' – Recovery, homework and revision sessions

Dear Parent or Carer,

What is D6?

D6 is an open invitation to all pupils to attend, on Saturday mornings during term time, from 9.00am for three and a half hours extra study. D6 isn't simply an extension of the school week. It is different – no uniforms, no 'curriculum', with hot and cold drinks and snacks available, **free** from the ag6 café and an emphasis upon self-paced, independent learning

It is a safe, warm, fully equipped space for pupils to complete homework, research current topics in more depth, improve on completed classwork or provide the opportunity for revision. It also provides an opportunity to share ideas on mental and emotional preparation and an opportunity to access careers advice and talks.

The intention is to build on the excellent practice we see from our pupils as independent learners. They show us on a daily basis that they are:

- **ready** to work it out for themselves and to organise themselves and their own time,
- **responsible** for their own progress, forming study groups and exploring learning at their own pace, and in their own direction
- **respectful** of others and their learning needs.

D6 provides a space for this to happen.

The pupils determine what they need to work on and are assisted by Alder Grange teaching staff and students from ag6, who are there to support learning. Pupils attending should come with work they wish to complete

We know how to learn and make things happen. According to research from Cambridge International Examinations, students need to be self-reliant when it comes to how they learn before they start higher education. Independent thinking and learning, critical thinking, and the ability to research independently

came out on top as the most important skills students need to possess when they embark on the next stage after Alder Grange

Whilst this programme is not compulsory, we feel it does provide an excellent means of focussing pupils on their studies and allowing for a quiet space for working.

Furthermore, it is expected that pupils' conduct, attitude and behaviour towards staff and other pupils is in line with the school's code of conduct as shown in the pupil planner. In the unlikely event that a pupil chooses not to meet these expectations, they may lose the opportunity to attend.

All pupils who attend will also receive achievement points towards their House and extra prom credits.

If you would like to discuss this activity further please do not hesitate to get into contact with me.

Should your child wish to attend please contact reception via telephone or email in order for us to ascertain numbers for the day.

Yours sincerely,

K Riddell

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