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A Journey Through Sixth Form 2018-2020

First there is enrolment
... meet Bob

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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- Three months off school is a long time!
- Programme changes **finalised**; 4 subjects down to 3
- Study picks up pace but the first opportunities to join in are also offered.....
 - Young Enterprise
 - Work experience/PE/Moocs – Weds pm **ONLY**
 - Vice House Captains
- **Are you seeing good study routines?**
- **Watch out for.....**
 - “I am getting all my work done in my free periods”
 - “I only have half an hour’s homework tonight”
 - “I am allowed home in the afternoon if I have no lessons”
 - “It’s a light day today, I can get more done at home”

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NOVEMBER

- GCSE Awards Evening
- YODA?
- **Watch out for....**
 - An over-full programme: could 3 A levels be more sensible?
 - Any reluctance to come to school
 - The blossoming social life!
 - Part-time work on evenings before school days

“The Wall”

as we see it....

Enter ...

Dr Aka Demik

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DECEMBER

- Joining in ... responsibility groups and societies
- Sixth Form Retreat 10-14th December
- The first sixth form report
- **Watch out for.....**
 - The Wall?
 - Absences
 - Those employers wanting more hours and mid-week shifts
 - No mention of societies

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JANUARY - FEBRUARY

- Getting in to the swing ...
- Start open day visits – booklet in school of Saturday/Sunday dates

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MARCH ... pressure builds

- Staff pushing up the pace
- Even now, reducing to 3?

- Watch out for....
 - “It’s all getting a bit too much!”

**Late one night in
March (ish)**

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April

- Easter holiday: 8/9 full days please



- **Watch out for.....**
 - No revision in the first week off

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MAY

- **No Exam leave**
- Internal exam week: 13th – 17th May
- Launch Higher Education/Apprenticeships – Day in school, University visits and Higher Education/Apprenticeships evening for parents
- Alternative career pathways

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JUNE

- Pace picks up again – A level Year 2 material.
- Coursework crunch time in many subjects!
- Internal exam results
- Thinking about university, career, apprenticeships, gap year...
- EPQ start
- **Watch out for.....**
 - Holidays taking during this half term
 - Revision needed for resit day start of July

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JULY

- Monday 1st July - Resit Day
- EPQ getting going
- Big push for Open Days (3 max in this summer term) – Booklet
Sat/Sun open days

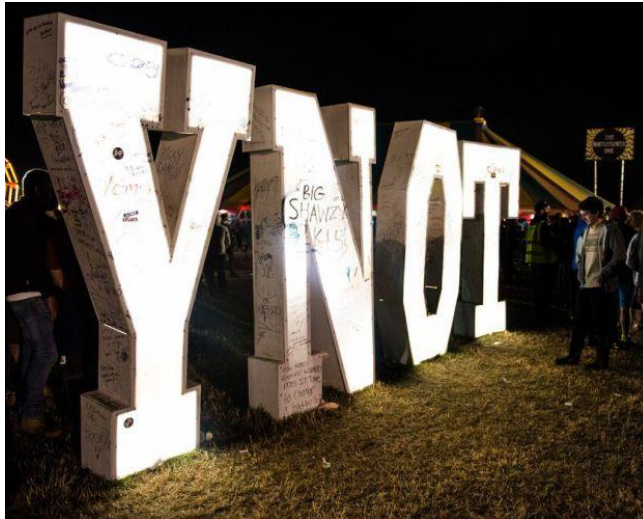
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August

- A break!!!
- Maybe some days out in University towns – re-visit post Open Days?



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September – here we go again!

- Reluctance to re-start can be normal....
- Students can now have study leave – unless reservations from Year 12
- Students request staff references and start getting predicted grades
- Deadline for some university applications by the end of the month
 - for any Oxford/Cambridge course
 - Medicine, Vet. Medicine
 - Entrance tests – MAT/PAT/TMUA/MCAT/UKCAT ... increasing numbers do your research ...

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October – UCAS/Careers focus

- Best to apply to university by end of this month
- Interview prep and more visits to universities
- Intensive work with anyone looking for work/training after Sixth Form
– back up ALL do a UCAS application please!

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November/December – Exciting times

- Offers from University
- Planning Careers, Higher Apprenticeships or Gap Years
- Deadline for all university applications by end Nov

- **Watch out for**
 - Mini Wall?
 - Leaving a university application to the last minute

VIVA Social Area
End of November
UCAS final deadline!

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January - March

- Early finish to A level course and the benefits
 - Time to revise for A Levels
 - No loss of momentum
- **Watch out for**
 - **Attendance dropping off**

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May - June

- Leavers Mass
- Leavers Ball
- Exam Leave
- Exams! (Mostly in June)

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August – the end!

- Big celebrations
- We are here to help as usual

- **Watch out for**
 - Invitation for you and son/daughter to Certificate Presentation in Autumn

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Summary

- Lots of brilliant times, a huge gain in confidence, growing up and making big plans..... but watch out for crunch times:

End of first term in Sixth Form.....a wall?

March of Year 12: staff putting on pressure to revise.

Easter of Year 12: 8/9 days revision essential ... but hard!

September of Y13: not getting going again after hols.

End November Y13: struggling with uni application.

Easter of Year 13: 8/9 days revision essential ... but hard!

Remember ... Bob?

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