# Midhurst Rother College Sixth Form: What to do this Summer.

How to get ahead, make excellent progress academically, and prepare for Year 13 this summer.

## **Revise Thoroughly**

- Familiarise yourself with exam board websites <u>AQA</u>, <u>OCR</u>, <u>Edexcel-Pearson</u>, <u>Eduqas</u>.
- Download all past papers.
- Download examiners' reports and mark schemes.
- Create a revision timetable see below.
- Complete one practice paper, per week, per subject. Use the mark scheme to check it.
- Make flash cards for each subject/topic. Use paper flash cards, or <u>Knowt</u>, or <u>Quizlet</u>.
- Make a record of all past feedback on exams.
- Use past feedback to establish revision priorities.

## **Complete some Work Experience**

- Contact local businesses that might be able to offer some work experience or work shadowing. Keep a record of everything you learn.
- Use the <u>government careers advice service</u> to find out about other work experience opportunities.
- <u>Springpod</u> is the largest bank of work experience opportunities. Many of these are virtual but can be included on your CV or personal statement.
- <u>InvestIN</u> offers paid for work experience in more specialised areas.

## Carry out some Admin.

- Organise your notes neatly into folders or ringbinders – remember these are your notes for revision in less than a year's time.
- Act on your notes. This means turning them into another format, such as <u>flashcards</u>, posters, or summarising them.
- Turn your notes into <u>Cornell notes</u> to revise from easily.
- Email your teachers ask what to do to get ready for Year 13.
- Make sure you have all the stationery and equipment you need for the new year.

### **Prepare for the Future - Applications**

- Use <u>this goal-setting site</u> to establish what your goals are for the future.
- Complete your <u>UCAS</u> application.
- Research a range of universities to apply for.
- Attend open days or campus visits if possible.
- Complete your personal statement. Use sites like the Portsmouth <u>Hub</u> or <u>Oxford</u> admissions.
- Email your tutors with any information you think should be included in your reference that didn't fit in your personal statement.
- Research <u>apprenticeships</u> on <u>UCAS</u>.

## **Read or Study Independently**

- Many universities have reading lists or wider reading recommendations on <u>departmental</u> <u>websites</u>. Use them as a starting point.
- Sign up for courses using sites and apps such as <u>Udemy</u>, <u>Mimo</u> or <u>Open University</u> as further research and to bolster your personal statements.
- Use <u>FutureLearn</u> to find something that interests you record everything you do somewhere.
- <u>OpenCulture</u> has a huge range of learning sites.
- Read a <u>fiction</u> book!

## **Enjoy Yourself!**

- Walk around <u>Cowdray ruins</u>.
- Visit <u>Chichester Cathedral</u>.
- Go to <u>Petworth House</u> and see the fountain.
- Get a toastie from Midhurst Bakery.
- Eat a picnic on <u>St Ann's Hill</u>.
- Eat salted caramel ice cream at Fitzcane's.
- Walk some of the <u>South Downs Way</u>.
- Visit Jane Austen's house and dress up.
- Take afternoon tea at <u>Goodwood House</u>.
- Complete the action for happiness <u>calendar</u>.
- Find out about the Saxons at **Butser Ancient Farm**.
- Walk to the windmill at <u>Halnaker</u>.

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Use apps like <u>adapt</u> to help you plan out your revision. The app contains all your modules so can plan out your whole year's revision for you.

<u>Springpod</u> is the best website for finding work experience, both physical and virtual. Modules are available on-demand.

Most importantly...

