



Tudor Grange Academy  
Kingshurst



Sixth Form

# Sixth Sense

## Which Week?

This Week: 7th Feb (Week 2)

Next week: 14th Feb (Week 1)

## Olympic Spirit

As the Winter Olympics start in earnest this week, I am reminded at just how much I enjoy these Olympic Games in particular. Despite our prowess as a country being far more suited to the Summer Olympics, the position of 'underdog' in pretty much every event makes it very watchable to me, in addition to knowing very little about each discipline and enjoying being 'taught' what the rules of it are.

The Olympics are famed of course for their 'motto' of three Latin words: Citius - Altius - Fortius, or **Faster - Higher - Stronger**. These words were established in 1894, prior to the first modern Olympic games of 1896. However, less than year ago the motto was changed for the time in over 125 years to "**Citius, Altius, Fortius - Communiter**", therefore retaining the history of this motto but extending the importance that has resonated with us all over the course of the pandemic of working as part of a local, national and indeed international 'community'. "**Faster, Higher, Stronger - To-**

**gether**" is how the motto now reads, and whether you are an Olympian or a Sixth Form student, the principles remain. We should all be working together in trying to be the very best that we can be and working with one another and supporting one another is an incredibly powerful way of achieving great performances both as a team and as individuals. Please bare this in mind as we progress to further external assessments, mock exams, and completing of course work, that this cycle doesn't really stop until the end of the academic year, but can definitely be embraced to a greater extent when it is done collectively.



## National Apprenticeship Week (NAW)



The 15th annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships will be taking place between 7th-13th February 2022. The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2022 will be 'build the future'; reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills.

There will be over 1,200 virtual and in-person events taking place over the week that are aimed at a range of different audiences, including ones focused on students, parents and carers. The events linked to the Midlands region can all be found via the following link and can be booked onto electronically when you see something that is of interest to you. <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/naw2022-events-listing#Midlands>

## Monday Yr12/13

### Assembly

As communicated last week by both Mr Curran and Miss Foster in addition to your tutors, now that the COVID regulations enable us to congregate once again in one place, please can I ask for you all to make your way directly to the Main Hall first thing on Monday morning.

Your tutors will meet and register you here rather than your normal tutor bases.

## Learning Performance

## Friday Plans for Drop Down Day

This coming Friday sees our second 'Drop Down Day' of the year, where all normal timetable lessons are collapsed



for all year groups in order to focus on a specific agenda. All Sixth Form students are required to attend for the full academic day.

For us, the Sixth Form will be engaging with a number of activities:

- Year 13 A Level students will be focusing on Study Skills to help them to organize and manage the nature in which they study and prepare for examinations and we are proud to invite Learning Performance to come in to run this one-day session.
- Year 13 BTEC students will be working specifically towards coursework aims that may be sent off to the exam board in the near future in addition to using Unifrog, a careers-based platform, to look at how to search for Apprenticeship opportunities within the region.
- Year 12 students will be looking at two fantastic systems, both focused upon their future aspirations. One is a web-based work experience system called Springpod, and the other is an overview of Unifrog (as above).

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