



Principal's Welcome

We were delighted to welcome new and returning students to Padworth at the start of September for the new academic year.

It is wonderful to be able to welcome students back on site after the summer holidays. There is a real buzz in the student body. The range of courses we are now able to offer, including I/GCSEs, A Level sand 4 NCUK IFY pathways (Business, Engineering, Humanities and Science), has created a wider mix within the student body which is so lovely to see.

The joy of a Padworth education is the personal tutoring and the time each individual student is given both academically and pastorally. To this end, the UCAS process is now well and truly underway for Year 13 and the support that the tutors are giving their tutees is second to none.



New Deputy Principal at Padworth

We are delighted that Rebecca Clyde has now started at Padworth. Rebecca joins us from Cardiff Sixth Form College (CSFC), where she was Deputy Head – Academic Studies and Outreach, responsible for all teaching, learning and assessment.

During her time at CSFC, the College was rated as the top school in the UK in The Daily Telegraph and The Times A Level league tables, with 99% of students achieving A*-A grade in 2021. It was also awarded the top GCSE school in the UK in the small schools' league tables for GCSE in 2019.

At Padworth, Rebecca will work closely with Lorraine Atkins, Principal, with responsibility for all teaching and learning and assessments. She is also involved in the pastoral aspects of College life and as a resident of Padworth College, is part of the Boarding and Safeguarding Team.

Rebecca lives on site, accompanied by her husband, Michael and their new puppy, Albi, who has already proved to be a 'hit' with the students!



Covid-19 Update

Whilst some of the restrictions relating to the global pandemic remain in place, we very much hope that we will be able to operate as close to normal as possible over the course of the Autumn Term and for the remainder of the academic year. Nonetheless, we continue to remain vigilant and will adapt our day-to-day routines, as appropriate.

As you are aware, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has been authorised for use in persons aged 12 years and over in the UK. Last month, The Department of Health and Social Care confirmed that all young people aged 16 to 17 in England are to be offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, whilst this week, the UK Government confirmed that one dose of the vaccine will be offered to all children aged 12 to 15 years.

We would prefer all students at the College to be vaccinated and would envisage that they should be able to receive both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine over the course of the Autumn Term. Last week, we wrote to parents of all students to seek their permission for their child to be vaccinated in the UK.

Further details of some of the arrangements in place at the College in relation to Covid-19 can be found on our website: <https://www.padworth.com/about/covid-19/>



Students Celebrate Impressive Exam Results

Last month, we were delighted to share details of a terrific set of A Level results for our Year 13 students. Overall, 78% of grades awarded were A*-B, while 59% of all grades achieved were A*-A grade.

At the time of the results announcement, Lorraine Atkins, Principal commented:

"We are delighted with today's A Level results and would like to congratulate all of our Year 13 students for their achievements in this extraordinarily challenging

time. Padworth College students have seen a significant rise in those attaining the highest grades, with 59% securing an A or A grade.”*

“We are thrilled that the hard work of our Year 13 students has been recognised. During the past couple of academic years, the new management team at Padworth College has supported students with a range of new learning strategies, which have paid dividends in the form of focused target setting by the academic staff. We are delighted that these methods have resulted in an excellent set of results, building on the improvements seen in 2020.”

“I would like to extend my thanks to Padworth College staff, who have gone to great lengths during the pandemic to see the students succeed.”

“We are proud of our students for so much more than just their excellent academic results. They have fully embraced the enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities that have been available to them over the past couple of years, despite the challenges associated with COVID-19.”

We wish all of our Year 13 students from last year every success as they now commence their university education.

Autumn Term Events

Looking ahead to the remainder of this term, we have a busy calendar of events scheduled, including the International Student University Fair. This event, which is being organised by BSA, BAISIS and UK Education Guide, is running virtually on Wednesday 29 September 2021. The Fair will offer the following:

- More than 20 UK universities – including University of Cambridge, University of Exeter, University of Southampton and University College London - at virtual booths to meet prospective students individually and to answer their questions.
- Presentations addressing key challenges faced by international students and schools, including Q&A sessions with current international undergraduates and reviews of course options.
- 1:1 high quality advisory sessions for students on topics such as Personal Statement development, IELTS and general university advice.

All Year 13 students, including those on the NCUK IFY programme will be invited to attend.

In terms of other activities, in light of ongoing travel restrictions associated with coronavirus, we will again be organising a Half Term Programme during the Autumn

Term. Further details to follow.

Students will also have the opportunity to enjoy Bonfire Night, combined with a Halloween Fancy Dress Disco, 'Dress Down Day' for BBC Children in Need and the Bath Christmas markets.

New Website and Prospectus

We have recently relaunched our website, www.padworth.com. The new website has been developed in partnership with Innermedia, who also designed and developed the Inspiring Futures Education website, www.ifedu.com. Please do take a look!

At the same time, we have also updated the College prospectus

With the gradual return to face-to-face meetings, we look forward to sharing copies of the new prospectus with you in the near future.





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