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Dear Parents/Carers

Sixth Form Updates and Essential Course Materials

Now your child has settled into Sixth form **it is essential they have specific resources** to allow them to thrive. These vary from subject to subject and are shown in the table overleaf. We know some of these resources are expensive, but please be assured that your child's teachers have thought carefully about which resources to list as essential.

If your child is eligible for the 16 – 19 Bursary Fund, we will be able to support with the cost of these resources.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Sixth Form students of the Sixth Form dress code. Students in Sixth form should wear full business dress and are reminded that tight fitting clothing is not appropriate. Skirts should be no more than 5cm above the knee, trainers are not permitted, and tops/dresses should not be skintight. Nose studs are also not allowed in school and students will be asked to remove them. Our Sixth Form students are role models for the rest of the school and so any students who attend school in inappropriate dress they will be asked to go home and change. Please see our website for more details on what is appropriate business wear: [Dress Code - Smestow Academy](#).

From September we have also launched the student ClassChart App with our students, encouraging them to log on and access a variety of rewards ranging from stationary to paid activities like the inflatable assault course we had at the end of last academic year. Students have been given their own personalised code to download the app and log in.

This is also a reminder for you as parents to download the ClassCharts App to access the daily events of your child in school. If you do not have the code to log into your child's account or if you have any difficulties downloading either ClassCharts or Matrix Academy App, please email Postbox@smestowacademy.co.uk.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- Thursday 3 October 2024 – Year 13 Help your Child Revise Evening
- Monday 21st October 2024 to Friday 8th November – Year 13 Mock exam period
- Thursday 16 January 2025 – Sixth Form Parents Evening

Thank you for your continued support with Sixth Form, we wish all our students a successful and enjoyable year.

Yours sincerely

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Course	Resource	Approximate cost. Substantial discounts available at online retailers (e.g. Amazon, Education Umbrella).
A level Biology	CGP: A-Level Biology for AQA: Year 1 & 2 Student Book with Online Edition (BATB71)	£36 on amazon
A level Chemistry	Casio FX-991CW calculator CGP A-Level Chemistry for OCR A: Year 1 & 2 Student Book with Online Edition [CRATB72]	£24.99 on amazon £36 on amazon
A level English Literature	A Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Attwood A Streetcar Named Desire - Williams The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini A/AS Level English Literature B for AQA Student Book	£8.94 £3.99 £8.99 £26.87 All on Amazon
A level Mathematics	Casio FX-991CW calculator CGP A-Level Maths Edexcel: Complete Revision & Practice Bundle	£24.99 on amazon £30.97 on Amazon
A level Psychology	AQA Psychology for A level Year 1 and AS student book. Illuminate publishing	£22.09 on Amazon
BTEC Business	My Revision Notes: Cambridge Technicals Level 3 Business	£19.99 on Amazon.
BTEC Health and Social Care	BTEC National Health and Social Care Revision Workbook Publisher: Pearson Authors: Georgina Shaw, James O'Leary, Elizabeth Haworth, Brenda Baker ISBN: 9781292230580 BTEC National Health and Social Care Revision Guide Publisher: Pearson. Authors: Brenda Baker, James O'Leary, Marie Whitehouse, Georgina Shaw ISBN: 9781292230443	£11 on Amazon. £12 on Amazon.
BTEC IT	My Revision Notes: Cambridge Technicals Level 3 IT	£19.97 on Amazon.
BTEC National Extended Diploma In Sport	Pearson REVISE BTEC National Sport Units 1 & 2 Revision Guide inc. online edition - for 2025 exams	£11.74 on Amazon

