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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

As we begin the summer term, and move towards the end of the academic year, we would like to highlight some key dates, events and issues relating to Year 12 students.

Internal Assessments

All students will sit the next set of internal interim assessments week commencing Monday, 21st May 2018. These assessments will take place for all A Level and vocational courses. These results will be given to students by their teachers and made available to parents and carers on Go4Schools so that you can continue to monitor your son/daughter's progress.

End of Year 12 Examinations

Students will sit internal end of Year 12 examinations in all A Level subjects from Monday, 25th June to Friday, 6th July 2018. The examination timetable for these examinations will be released nearer to the time. These examinations will take place in the formal examination halls under full examination conditions.

These examinations are extremely important, as they will give a formal indication of the progress that students have made across the course of Year 12 and will lead them directly into their Year 13 studies. The results from these internal examinations will go a long way to form predicted grades for UCAS applications which students may make in Year 13.

If students are ungraded on their end of Year 12 examinations, then they will be unable to continue studying that particular course in Year 13. This may have significant implications for some students as all students must pass at least three subjects in Year 12 in order to gain entry into Year 13. Therefore it is vital that students take these examinations seriously and work hard to ensure they perform as well as possible.

Vocational Courses

At the same time that A Level students are sitting their internal end of year examinations, vocational students will be finalising all of their Year 12 coursework and sitting any relevant formal examinations that may have been planned for this time of year. Students will be expected to submit all of their Year 12 coursework in line with the deadlines set by their teachers. All vocational teachers will provide end of Year 12 grades for the students to reflect the quality of the work they have completed across the course of Year 12. If students fail to pass their vocational examinations, and do not submit all of their Year 12 coursework to a minimum standard, then they will effectively fail to pass the Year 12 course and will not be allowed to carry on that specific subject in Year 13. This may have significant implications for some students as all students must pass at least three subjects in Year 12 in order to gain entry into Year 13. Therefore it is vital that students prepare fully for any examinations they may have and complete all of their Year 12 vocational coursework on time and to the best of their ability.

Examination Results

The results from the internal end of year examinations and end of year vocational grades will be released to the students in the final week of term, and will also be available to parents and carers on Go4Schools.

General Expectations

The summer term finishes on Friday, 20th July 2018, and students will be expected to attend school as normal throughout the summer term and all the way through to the end of term. Please note that students are required to wear their School ID badge whilst in school. This is of vital importance when sitting an examination, as the invigilators are external members of staff who do not know the students and therefore ID badges must be worn to all examinations.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school still expects all of its sixth form students to maintain the highest of standards with regards to punctuality, attendance and dress. The sixth form dress code is available on the school website and in the student's planner, and we expect all students to adhere to this throughout their time in the sixth form. Sixth form students are role models for the rest of the school, and therefore have a responsibility to conduct themselves appropriately at all times.

If you or your son/daughter have any questions relating to any of the information contained in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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