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Dear Parents / Carers,

## Year 12 - Key dates and update

As we reach the halfway point of Year 12, we have some key dates and information to share with parents, carers and students.

I would firstly like to thank the students for their continued commitment to their studies and the effort they demonstrate in lessons on a daily basis. I was also delighted to see that over 70% of the year group participated in work experience – virtual or in-person – in the week before half term. The summaries and reflections which the students have written are a testament to their maturity and dedication to their studies.

This **half term in Personal Development**, the students will embark on a 6-week unit focusing on Careers and Future Decisions. We hope that this will support students as they look ahead of UCAS and Apprenticeship applications in the coming months.

This focus on Futures will also be seen in **this week's ELD – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – which will offer students the opportunity to listen to guest speakers from a range of industries and pathways as well as focused time exploring their options as they progress on their sixth form journey. We hope that they find this day to be a valuable experience and that it helps to focus their enrichment activities towards their next steps.

As the Year 13 students prepare for their final examinations, the Year 12 students will have the opportunity to apply for leadership roles. This week, we opened the application process for **House Captains** and we look forward to many applications. The deadline for these applications is **9<sup>th</sup> March**. In early March, we will begin the process of electing new **Head Students and Deputies**. This process will require students to write a letter of application and complete an interview, this will also be informed by staff and student votes. The applications will close on **21<sup>st</sup> March** and the process will continue after Easter.



Looking ahead to the summer term, students will sit their **Threshold Exams** during **13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June**. These exams will be formal end of year exams and students can expect to be assessed on the content they have learned during Year 12. Students will have study leave for two weeks during this time and will not need to attend school unless they have an exam. Full information about the Threshold Exam process will be published to parents and students just before Easter. The results will play a significant part in contributing to UCAS predicted grades. Again, full guidance about this will be published nearer to the time.

We have received a couple of queries asking about the dates for Year 13 trial exams next year, we won't have these dates available until later in the summer term.

We will be hosting a **UCAS and Apprenticeships Information Evening** on **15<sup>th</sup> June** for parents and carers. This evening will provide an introduction to the application processes for students and we will discuss the preparations that students will need to make and how you can support your child during this time.

Students will be starting their **UCAS application in late June**. They will be guided through the process of applying, making decisions about which institutions to apply for, the different types of courses and their prerequisites as well as completing their personal statement. Students who wish to apply for an apprenticeship will receive guidance about finding and completing applications on this day as well. Each year, we have more students following the apprenticeship pathway and have been delighted with the success they have achieved.

In addition to the main dates above, there are several subject specific and enrichment activities and trips taking place between now and July, including the Gold DofE expeditions, and geography and biology field trips. We are very pleased that students are able to experience these types of activities again.

Yours sincerely,

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