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Dear Families,

## **Sandringham Sixth Form UCAS Predicted Grade Process 2023/24**

Today, students have been issued with their UCAS predicted grades.

The predicted grade process has been developed after many years of experience and through taking advice directly from UCAS who state that predicted grades should be "aspirational but achievable". Predictions have largely been influenced by a student's attainment in their threshold exams, but also a student's performance in other assessments throughout their first year of study. This follows UCAS guidance of using professional judgement to determine grades, and to ensure that grades are 'data-driven'.

On the whole, predicted grades will be optimistic, assuming a level of improvement over the course of Year 13. Advice has also been taken from subject teachers to reach final decisions on predicted grades. Predicted grades are not based on what students require to apply for a particular course or university.

We do understand that for some students, their predicted grade may not be in line with expectations or meet the course requirements for universities of their choice. As such, students will be able to appeal whether one or more grades is eligible to change. This will be subject to evidence that the proposed change is achievable following work completed during this half term. The appeals process takes place between students (not parents) and the Sixth Form team and is initiated by a student completing the appeals form which can be found on their google classroom. All appeals must be submitted by Thursday 28th September.

Discussions regarding predicted grades will take place with senior Sixth Form staff, not with subject teachers and students should not approach their subject teachers to discuss an appeal. Students will find out whether their appeal has been successful by Thursday 5th October.

Yours sincerely,

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