



9th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 12 into Year 13 September Assessments

As we approach the end of a very strange academic year, I would like to thank you for all the support you have offered to your child's endeavours over the last few months. The vast majority of students have coped extremely well under very challenging circumstances and demonstrated all the characteristics that we value and expect of our students in our Sixth Form as they make their way into adulthood. We are very proud of them.

Looking forward to the next academic year, we are now planning to be able to fully support and guide the students in their next steps. This is partly achieved through engagement in extra-curricular opportunities, but we also need to be able to accurately assess their academic progress. This will allow us to make robust projections about your child's outcomes which in turn lets us provide appropriate and tailored higher education and apprenticeship guidance.

We are planning to collect information through a period of assessment that will take place around lesson times in the first two weeks of the Autumn Term in September. In order for students to be fully prepared for these important assessments, teachers will be using the last week of this term to review content covered over the academic year. Students will be working with their teachers in this week to ensure that they are clear on what areas they need to work on over the summer holiday in order to perform highly in September.

Although we want the students to perform well in these assessments, we are mindful of their need to get a well-earned rest over the holiday. Planning their time over this period will be important so that they are able to get the balance right between revising, engaging in extra-curricular opportunities and recuperating. We will be covering these themes in our remaining Thursday Student-CPD sessions, but it would be beneficial if you were able to reinforce this at home.

The Sixth Form team will be available to offer support to your child between now and September, either by email or through Teams, so do encourage them to get in touch if they need to.

All the best for the remaining summer months.

Yours sincerely,

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