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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Most importantly, we hope that you and your family are well as we approach the festive season. As ever, it will be a busy time for your son/daughter as they really embed their 6th Form studies.

We are meeting the Year 12 cohort for an assembly on Friday, when we will be sharing many of these key messages with your son/daughter.

Beyond 18 opportunities:

Your son/daughter receives multiple opportunities every week as we start to work with them on their plans for life after Coopers'. I thought it would be useful to summarise the opportunities that have been shared in just the past 2 weeks, as an indicator of some of extensive work we do with them:

- 'Think Like a Lawyer' Programme – opportunity to join this programme with Linklaters and Wadham College (The University of Oxford)
- 'A Week in the life of Credit Suisse' – an opportunity for female students to visit the offices of Credit Suisse
- Launch of the Medics/Aspiring Healthcare programme – with a visit from a trainee doctor
- 'Fulbright Commission: Studying in the USA' – a range of events to get students thinking about whether they are interested in studying at a university in America
- 'Working for Facebook' – a virtual event, learning about working for this technology company
- 'Join the 6th Form Writing Group' – an opportunity to be part of a creative writing group

FutureLearn Courses:

On Friday, we will be launching a super-curricular programme with the launch of 'FutureLearn' – all students in Year 12 are expected to complete an academic enrichment course with FutureLearn. Mrs Jacobs, our Independent Learning Supervisor, will be writing home about this on Friday – please look out for the letter.

Interview Preparation:

Many students will be taking part in part time job interviews in the coming months. In order to support them further we will be offering all students the opportunity of completing an Eton X: Future Skills course entitled 'Job Interview Training', through our partnership with prestigious Eton College. Once again, further information will come out to you on Friday.

Early closures/INSET days:

A reminder that we have a few closures to be aware of

- Next Monday (22nd November)– school is closed due to INSET training
- Last day of the Autumn Term – Friday 17th December – we close early at around 12:15pm
- Start of Spring Term – the school is closed on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th January, with students returning on Wednesday 5th January



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Other important information:

- **Uniform** – as we approach the winter months, could I please ask you to ensure that your son/daughter continues to follow the school uniform policy. In particular coats, scarves and gloves should be plain and dark coloured (either black or navy blue).
- **Paid employment** – over the past few months we have been having increasing conversations with students/parents regarding the impact that paid employment is having on study. As a guide your son/daughter should not be working in paid employment for more than 10 hours per week (at the very most!). We know that any more than this almost always has a detrimental impact on A Level outcomes.
- **Vaping** – it is important that I reiterate that this is strictly forbidden, both on the school premises, but also if students are 'off-site' in school uniform. Vaping accessories are also prohibited on the school site as a 'banned item'. Any student seen vaping/bringing vaping accessories into school is at risk of serious sanctions, including exclusion.
- **Leaving the school site during the day** – this is not permitted before 12:15pm and after this time, it is only allowed if your son/daughter 'signs out' in accordance with our Health & Safety obligations. Once again, any breaches of this policy will be strictly dealt with.
- **Learning Zone** – we have a silent study area in the school and we will be reminding all students that this is a silent study area from 8am to 5pm. R16/R17 are also timetabled as silent study facilities during the school day. If you could please reinforce this in conversations with your son/daughter at home.
- **Effort Grades** – I am sure you are aware that your son/daughter's subject teachers have provided you with an indication of how they have settled into 6th Form study, via Effort Grades. These can be viewed via your son/daughter's Go4School's page now. At this stage, we would expect all of the effort grades to be a '1' or '2' – which is positive. I would be concerned if there were any '3' or '4' grades.
- **Leave of Absence** – a reminder that if your son/daughter needs to take any time off from school, then it is important that you complete a 'Leave of Absence request' via the school website. Ideally, these would be completed at least 72 hours in advance of the request.
- **If your son/daughter is unwell** – please ensure you call the school's absence line (07740 901200) each morning of illness, before 8am

I hope this letter is useful in dealing with all the issues we feel you need to be aware of. Year 12 are a wonderful cohort and we are proud of all they have achieved in their start to A Level studies.

We look forward to supporting your son/daughter over the coming 18 months. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us at the school.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Head

Mrs J Marshall
Head of Year 12