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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

As we enter the final term of the academic year, we wanted to write to you to remind you of the key events taking place.

End of year examinations: June 10th-30th

These assessments come at a critical interim point in the A Level course and are especially important considering the disruption to education that has taken place since the start of 2020.

The school has worked hard to develop a coherent rationale for the timing and format of the assessments. In formulating our assessment strategy, the following has been considered:

- The key purpose of these assessments must be to provide diagnostic feedback to students; informing them of areas of strength and areas for development for the remainder of their courses.
- The need to provide staff with information about where there might be 'learning gaps' in the material taught.
- Your son/daughter did not sit any GCSE examinations and has experienced only limited formal assessment experience in the past 15 months.
- We have recently launched our 'Beyond 18' programme and students will begin to 'firm up' their future plans. Students need an accurate indicator of their current attainment so that they are able to consider relevant opportunities for life after Year 13. In particular, in the Autumn Term of Year 13, the school will be required to provide universities and employers with 'predicted grades'.

In the coming weeks, your son/daughter will receive an assessment timetable detailing when their assessments will be taking place. Subject staff will discuss the content of the assessments with your son/daughter so that they are able to fully prepare.

It is important that I reiterate the importance of these internal examinations. Whilst we all hope that the disruption to education caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is coming to an end, it is impossible to predict the future. As such, it is entirely feasible that these examinations could be used in 2023, as part of an evidence base if it was not possible for the 2023 A Level examinations to take place. As such, it is critical that students prepare properly and perform to the best of their ability. The school will support students in identifying and implementing independent study techniques in the coming weeks. Additionally, we expect every student to put in place a clear and coherent revision plan. We will discuss this at length with your son/daughter and before half term this plan will need to be shown to Mrs Jacobs (Independent Learning Supervisor) in your son/daughter's scheduled study session.



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If your son/daughter was a student at Coopers' in Year 10 and Year 11 they will have received support and advice from 'Elevate Education' regarding how to revise/study most effectively. We will be reminding students of some of the key techniques such as; interleaving, spaced practice and elaboration in the coming week, however, if you would also like to discuss this with your son/daughter then I would recommend the following video resource – [please click here](#).

In June/July there are some important dates/events for you to be aware of:

Initial 'predicted' grades: Last week of the summer term

Students will be receiving 'initial' predicted grades from their subject teachers in July before they leave for the summer holiday. At this stage they are 'initial' to give your son/daughter (and you!) an indication of the possible outcome we would expect at the end of Year 13. These predictions will be finalised in September, before we send them off to prospective universities/employers. We will speak at length with students about this process.

Visit to UCAS Convention: Tuesday 7th June:

All students will be attending a UCAS convention at the University of East London, to consider whether university is the right pathway for them and to speak to a range of different universities. We will be writing to you about this soon and expect all students to attend.

Sports Day: Wednesday 22nd June

All Year 12 students will be taking part in Sports Day at Hornchurch Stadium; a letter about this will come out to you in early June.

Beyond 18 Day in school: Wednesday 6th July

The entire year group will be 'off timetable' as we enter the second stage of our 'Beyond 18' support programme. Students will experience a range of workshops/activities to support them as they look to apply for university/world of work at the start of Year 13.

'Meet the Tutor' Evening: Online: Thursday 7th July (a change in date from previous communications)

You will have the opportunity to briefly meet with your son/daughter's Form Tutor to discuss their Beyond 18 plans and the preparations they need to complete over the summer.

Year 12 Consultation Evening: Online: Thursday 14th July (a change in date from previous communications)

An important opportunity for you to chat to your son/daughter's progress in Year 12. In particular the evening will focus on the performance in the key end of year examination and targets for Year 13.

Activities Week: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd July

During this week, we will be organising a range of differing activities for the cohort. We hoping to include the following four elements:

- Outside speakers: Drugs Education, Safe Driving, Revision/Study Session
- An extra-curricular, educational visit to London



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- A Beyond 18 visit to either a university or major employer in London
- A social, reward-based day out to a theme park; such as Thorpe Park

A detailed letter will be sent home later this month; there will be a charge to parents/carers associated with this week.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Bell

Deputy Head & Director of Sixth Form