



THE COOPERS' COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL

Love as Brethren

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

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

End of year examinations: From Monday until Friday 3rd May

These assessments come at a critical interim point in the A Level course. 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.
- 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'.

Once again, it is important that I reiterate the importance of the next 2 weeks. It is critical that students prepare properly and perform to the best of their ability. The school has supported students in identifying and implementing independent study techniques. We have been reminding students of some of the key techniques such as; interleaving, spaced practice, however, if you would also like to discuss this with your son/daughter then I would recommend the following video resource – [please click here](#). We are also mindful of the additional stress and pressure of the next few weeks and we are here to support all students, at what will understandably be a difficult time.

There are some important dates/events for you to be aware of:

Visit to UCAS Convention: Thursday 6th 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.

Thursday 13th June: Consultation Evening: 4:30pm – 7:30pm

An opportunity to speak to your son/daughter's subject teachers 'virtually'. At this event you will receive feedback on performance in the internal examinations, as well as areas for improvement.

Sports Day: Monday 24th 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.

2nd Beyond 18 Day in school: Tuesday 25th June

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.



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Initial 'predicted' grades: Last week in June

Students will be receiving 'initial' predicted grades from their subject teachers in late June 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 grades we intend to communicate to potential employers and universities to support the application process. 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.

'Meet the Tutor' Evening: Online: Thursday 11th July

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.

Work Shadowing Week: Monday 15th – Friday 19th July

In November we [wrote home to you](#) about our work shadowing programme. During the last week of the summer term Year 12 will not be based in school, but will instead be attending the work shadowing programme that they have organised. We have consistently reminded Year 12 about the programme and have provided strategies on how to source a placement. Once students have secured their placement they need to complete the following [Google Form](#) so that the school can validate the placement. Any student unable to find a placement during the week will be based in school during this last week of term.

School Nurse

Every Thursday lunchtime we are able to offer students the ability to speak with an NHS nurse who will be based in school for one hour a week. With NHS services extremely stretched this provides students with an additional service should they have any concerns relating to their physical or mental health

School Captaincy positions

This morning we formally launched the application process for the prestigious position of School Captain. This begins the start of a wide-ranging leadership application process across a myriad of subject areas. In the coming six weeks, we will be looking to appoint additional captaincy positions in relation to: Sixth Form, Music, Sport, Drama, STEM, Diversity, Charity, Careers as well as in the 23 academic A Level subjects. These opportunities will be shared with students as part of a sequential process this half term.

Year 12 are proving to be a wonderful cohort of young people and we look forward to supporting them over the coming weeks and months.

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

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Head: Director of 6th Form

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Head of Year 12