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Monday 20th January 2025

Re: Year 13 Update: Key dates

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

Last day & study leave

A Level examination begin in earnest during the week of 12th May, however the majority of examinations take place in June, after the May half term holiday. We are keen to keep the students in school, with their teachers, in lessons, for as long as possible. As such, important lessons will take place, up to and including Thursday 8th May. On Friday 9th May it is our intention to invite the students into school for a 'farewell' to mark the end of their time with us – no lessons will take place on this date and it will mark the start of the study leave period. If your son/daughter has also ordered a yearbook then this will be given to them on this date. We will write to you with more specific information about Friday 9th May a few weeks before.

Results Day

Additionally, a final reminder that A Level 'Results Day' is Thursday 14th August. Ideally, it is important that your son/daughter is not out of the country, on holiday, for the publication of A level results; this is particularly important if they have a university place dependent on their results.

What is UCAS Extra?

UCAS Extra is a service which goes live in late February and is available during every application cycle. It enables students who have not received any university offers to make one additional university choice at this late stage. Additionally, it is used by some students, where they have had a change of heart and decide that they wish to apply for a different subject/course from that on their original application. Although there are usually only a handful of students in this situation, you may wish to have a conversation with your son/daughter about UCAS Extra. If it applies to them, then they need to come and have a conversation with a member of the 6th Form Pastoral Team in February.

Student Finance

It will soon be time to apply for 'Student Finance' if your son/daughter is intending to go to university this year. Your son/daughter will be notified when applications to Student Finance England open, but it is usually in early March. We will of course write to you when the system opens, but please be aware that this will soon go live.

Friday 20th June

On this date, all students in Year 13, will need to briefly attend school to complete some final logistical pieces in order to formally leave the 6th Form community. Your son/daughter will need to:

- Return all textbooks which have been loaned to them by the school
- Return their ID card
- Collect their hoodie if they have ordered one
- Donate any good quality uniform they have, so that it can be provided to other families/students



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Could you please ensure that your son/daughter is in the local area at this time.

Work ethic / Paid employment

We cannot stress enough how important it is now that your son/daughter really focuses on the time spent on their academic studies. We have a superb Learning Zone, which is open for students to silently study from 7:30am until 6pm, every week day. In particular we would recommend that all students:

- Complete a clear work timetable. When will school work be completed in the week?
- Cuts down on any working hours for jobs outside of school; we recommend no more than 8-10 hours a week. Could I please reiterate how important this point is. If your son/daughter is working more than 10 hours a week in paid employment it could really adversely affect their A Level outcomes.
- Aim to spend 2-3 hours each week night on school work; this will need to increase at the weekends
- Use the February and Easter holiday period to revise (and also have a break)

It remains an absolute pleasure to be working with the Year 13 cohort; we are exceptionally lucky to be inspired by such a brilliant group of students. We look forward to doing all we can to make the last 4 months with us a success.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr R Bell
Deputy Head: Director of 6th Form

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Head of Year 13