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Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Re: Summer Term 2025

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: Monday 16th – Thursday 26th June

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'.

It is important that I reiterate the importance of the next eight school weeks in preparing for these examinations. 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 two months 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 5th 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.

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As detailed above.



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2nd Beyond 18 Day in school: Monday 30th 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.

Beyond 18 Prep Week: Personal Statements, Finance and Job Applications: Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July

During this week students will be taking part in various sessions to support them with their Beyond 18 plans. There will be specific time allocated to writing university personal statements and preparing to apply for jobs. There will also be some bespoke sessions by financial charity 'WizeUp Financial'.

Sports Day: Wednesday 9th July

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

Thursday 10th July: 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.

Initial 'predicted' grades: Second week in July

Students will be receiving 'initial' predicted grades from their subject teachers in early 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 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.

Work Shadowing Week: Monday 14th – 18th 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 has been asked to organise a volunteering placement. Failing that, students will need to attend school and complete specific 'Beyond 18' activities in the 6th Form Learning Zone.

School Captaincy positions

Before Easter, 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.



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

Yours faithfully

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