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Dear Year 12 Parents/Carers

Year 12 Predicted Grade Examinations

To prepare students for their final A level examinations at the end of Year 13, we are holding internal examinations for Year 12 commencing **Monday 28th April up to and including Wednesday 7th May**.

There will also be day long Photography, Graphics and Art examinations on **17th, 20th and 21st March**, respectively.

We have explained to students how these examinations work and the importance of them. The examination results enable both teachers and students to assess their progress halfway through their A level courses and help teachers to establish students' **predicted grades** for university and apprenticeship applications, along with any significant in class assessments and coursework.

The vast majority of students will have study leave during this examination period and may revise at home when they do not have an examination; they are also welcome to work in school, if they find working in school more conducive for study. If teachers are concerned about a student's Attitude to Learning or progress from Report 2, we will contact with you to set up arrangement for school study leave.

Students will be e-mailed their exam timetable and a copy for you is included with this letter. **Please be aware that some examinations may run beyond the end of the school day, for students with access to extra time.** In some subjects which are coursework focused, students will attend a workshop in school during study leave to work on their coursework.

To support students with the revision process for their examinations, we deliver presentations on revision strategies before the Easter holidays to build on our independent learning programme in Extension Studies. We also support students with creating revision planners in form time. Additionally, we have invited in a company called *Elevate* to run an 'Ace your Exams' workshop with students on 1st April. The Easter holidays will be an important opportunity for students to rest after a busy term, but also build in significant revision time.

At Year 12 Parent/Carers' Evening this **Thursday 6th March**, teachers will talk to you and your son/daughter about how best to prepare for these predicted grade examinations in each subject.

Marked papers will be returned to students in class to give them a realistic indication of the degree courses and apprenticeships they should be exploring in the coming months. Passing these examinations at D grade or above will also confirm that students should meet the challenges of Year 13 courses. If teachers are worried about individual student's results, they will be in contact with you to discuss options and the best way forward. If this is the case in more than one subject, one of the Sixth Form team will be in contact with you to discuss options.

In the meantime, if a student would benefit from further support with their revision, please don't hesitate to get in contact with either of us at school. This month's Parents' Newsletter contains helpful tips about supporting your son/daughter with revision at home, including useful apps to help with motivation and managing distraction as well as advice about wellbeing around exams and managing exam stress.

If your son/daughter has some additional time towards the end of study leave, with no external examination revision or coursework to be working on, we regularly promote the following super-curricular activities to students which are of great benefit to their learning and post 18 applications:

- Wider Reading/Watching/Listening: <https://www.unifrog.org/student/read-watch-listen> or <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/applying-to-univ/staircase12/>
- MOOCs: <https://www.unifrog.org/student/moocs/start> (lots of free university courses on offer)
- Virtual Work Experience: <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience> or <https://www.theforage.com/>

This is also a highly recommended and free Open University Course on financial wellbeing for young adults:

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-business/managing-my-money/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab>

Thank you for all your support from home.

Yours sincerely

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