



**10<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

## **Y12: 'What Next?' Parent Meeting and High Stakes Mock Examinations**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Year 12 students attended the UCAS Convention in London where they had the opportunity to speak to universities, apprenticeship providers and companies. The event has had excellent feedback from the students and launched the next stage of our support and guidance towards future pathways planning.

### **'What Next?' Parent Meeting – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

We would like to invite you to our **'What Next?' parent meeting** on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 6:30-7:30pm in the school theatre. The aim of this meeting is to provide parents/carers of Year 12 students with information about Year 13 and the UCAS and apprenticeship application process. At this event we are on hand to answer your questions and explain the schools UCAS application timeline and plans for supporting any student wishing to start an apprenticeship. **A text RSVP will be sent out on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May so that we can confirm numbers in attendance and plan accordingly.** This is a very important event and one we highly recommend you attend, to enable you to support your son/daughter fully, with some key life choices they will make at the end of this year.

### **High stakes mock exams**

As you are aware all students are completing a 2-year study programme and will no longer be completing AS examinations in most subjects. Instead they will be completing their end of year Mock examinations from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, over a two-week period. This includes Consortium subjects. A timetable will be given to your child in due course. It is important that students prepare well for these examinations because the results will be used for future target setting and as predicted grades for university and apprenticeship applications. Year 12 Maths and Further Maths students will not be sitting high stakes mocks because, as a newly reformed A Level students are getting the opportunity to sit an external AS Exam.

### **Work placement update**

We are very pleased to hear that so many students have found work experience for the final week of term and wish to thank you for your support in helping your son/daughter find a high quality placement. If you know that your son/daughter is still unable to source a placement and may need additional help please ensure they contact us or let us know in person at the 'What Next?' meeting. Mrs McKay has offered all students additional appointments with her to support with securing work experience placements. Should a student not find a placement he/she will be asked to attend school during the final week.

### **University Summer School and NCS Opportunities**

We have been impressed with how many students have applied for Summer School opportunities at universities and know that some of our students have been successful in securing a place. We know that this may be occurring instead of, or as well as, work placements and fully support students having the extra time off to participate in this opportunity. We do know that some of these university opportunities clash with mock examination weeks and have liaised with departments to ensure that this does not disadvantage the student by providing a bespoke examination timetable relative to each situation with catch up exam dates

We have also had the National Challenge Service (NCS) in to discuss their very affordable three-week volunteer/residential programme that occurs over the summer and provides students with excellent skills. Please ask your son/daughter about the opportunities available as once again, the skills and experience these opportunities provide give students an excellent profile needed that will support their future success. Please do refer to the excellent website for further details: [www.ncsthechallenge.org](http://www.ncsthechallenge.org)

### **Summer holidays**

A reminder that Exam results day is on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August**.

GCSE (and retakes) Exam results day is on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**.

Students will be able to collect results from 9am until 11am in the Language classrooms area. Access will be through the main gates next to the Tennis Courts (this will be clearly signposted from main reception). If your child is unable to collect his/her results in person they must provide Mrs Natalie Dance, our Exams Officer, with a stamped addressed envelope or a letter stating that permission has been given to X (please state name of person) to collect the results on his/her behalf. This person must bring relevant identification on the day.

I will be writing to you before the end of term, regarding the start of year 13 arrangements and key dates for next year.

Thank you for all your continued support, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries.

Kind Regards,



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