



10th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” Aristotle.

We have two full weeks of study before the October half term break. Immediately afterwards our Year 13 students will have a series of mock examinations (week commencing 4th November). Now that we have all linear A levels, the work assessed will be from Year 12 and Year 13 work covered to date. In September, I advised students to build in consolidation / revision of Year 12 work into their weekly routine (without being repeatedly advised to do so by teachers) and these exams will assess how successful this has been. You will receive a report on or about 26th November, in time for Parents' Evening on 2nd December. I hope that the results and report will boost our student's confidence that they are on track to achieve their potential. The outcome of these exams will inform course and university choices, predicted grades, and individual action plans.

Our final autumn term is well underway and students are involving themselves in a range of activities that enrich their Sixth Form experience. This year, we have twenty-four societies, running at lunchtime and afterschool – and these are all student-led. At our recent Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11 students, our current students added life and personality to the event, their contribution was positively remarked upon by parents and staff.

In terms of 'what's next?' – students are busy making final choices about courses, universities and alternatives, involving much personal statement (re)drafting. The message I give students is 'you have never been through Year 13 before – I have' – they should come to the Sixth Form Office with anything that is a barrier to them progressing, with applications or other issues.

Please get in touch if you have any queries regarding this letter or any other matter.

Yours sincerely

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