

6 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

PROGRESS REPORT 3 (PR3)

Please find enclosed your child's third progress report for Year 12. We hope you find this informative and that it gives you an overview of their current progress. If you have any concerns with regards to a specific subject, please do contact your child's teacher directly.

At this point in Year 12, students should be settled onto their courses and fully embracing the 40-hour week we recommend. In practice, this means that students should be completing eight hours per subject per week, of independent study. We are aware that whilst many of our students are completing this, we know some may still benefit from a little extra encouragement. To help those who may find it tricky to work at home, students are welcome to stay and work in the upper hexagon until 5.00pm each evening.

Students should now be preparing to sit substantial mock exams which begin on Monday 13th June and will assess everything taught in Year 12 to date. These will be significantly more challenging than the mini topic assessments students have been completing in lessons and they will allow us to assess suitability to move to Year 13. They also give us evidence on which to base their UCAS predicted grades. It is therefore really important that these are taken seriously.

At this point in Year 12, students should have also secured their work experience placement and the relevant paperwork returned to school. If this paperwork has not been sent into school, please return this as a matter of urgency. For those without placements, we are running an in-school scheme, details of which we will share with you shortly.

We launched the UCAS process to students back in January and we have had a number of external speakers explaining the process. Students should be exploring the [UCAS Website](#) to see which courses may be of interest to them and we continue to advertise university [virtual open days](#) weekly. Once the UCAS application cycle goes live for 'Apply 2023' in May, we will guide students through their applications, so they do not need to worry! To support students in making decisions, we produce a weekly bulletin 'The Sixth' which is sent to both parents and students. This includes a calendar of events run by universities and apprenticeship providers each week, which we actively encourage students to engage with. Please do take the time to look at this and discuss the opportunities on offer.

Attendance in school remains as important as ever; I remind you that all students should attend from 08:25 each day. Whilst we do allow students to go home at 13:15 providing they do not have lessons or supervised study periods, we encourage them to stay in school to complete their revision. Students should not take driving lessons during school time, there is ample time in the afternoon for them to do so.

We look forward to working with our Y12 students over the coming months. As ever, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



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