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Dear Parent/Carer

Exam Information for Y12

We are writing to confirm the arrangements for the end of Y12 progression exams. As you will be aware, there are no public exams for Y12 A-Level courses. Most courses will have their exams at the end of Y13 to achieve their linear qualifications.

In order, therefore, for us to be able to assess progress and suitability for Y13 courses and to give us a genuine and realistic prediction for universities during the UCAS process, we need to make sure that we have a robust assessment process for the end of this year.

Y12 students will sit **progression exams during the week beginning 26th June** to give them an experience of sitting a large quantity of A level exams and managing this workload. Their results from these exams will be used to assess their progression into Y13, as well as forming the basis for our UCAS predictions.

In order to progress into Y13, we require students to achieve a **minimum of a D grade in each subject**. From experience, we know that students who fail to master the Y12 content to at least this standard do not achieve well in Y13. Students who achieve an E or a U grade in these exams will have one opportunity to sit a retake exam on **1st September (INSET day at the new academic year)**. If they still fail to improve their grade, they will meet with a member of the 6th Form team to find them a different programme of study. This may involve returning to Y12 to start a different set of subjects.

For these reasons, it is essential that students treat these exams as if they were public exams. We have been providing support for students with how to revise effectively over the last few months, and the expectation is that they should now be consolidating their knowledge using a comprehensive revision plan.

By the end of Year 12, BTEC students will have already completed both externally assessed exams and internally assessed coursework. In order to progress to Year 13, BTEC students need to have achieved a minimum of a pass grade by accumulating enough points across the 2 types of assessments. BTEC students have the opportunity to retake any external exams in January and May 2024. They are also given 2 weeks to improve their coursework, following feedback on their first submission.

We hope that you will be able to support us in motivating your child to achieve their utmost in these end of Year 12 progression exams for A Levels and their ongoing exams and coursework for BTECs, giving them the very best chance of success in the Y13 public exams.

Kindest regards,

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