



Monday 27th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Summer Term – Important Information for Year 12

We seem to be speeding through this academic year, so I wanted to make contact about a few things that are upcoming for Year 12:

Mock exams

The mock exams for Year 12 will run from Monday 15th June to Wednesday 24th June. During this time, students will be awarded study leave so that they can focus on their revision. The sixth form centre will still be open each day and we will encourage students to continue using the space so that they are away from distractions at home. Your child's subject teachers will also be on hand that week to support with structuring revision and advising students about what they should be focusing on.

Please remind your child that they should arrive 15 minutes before the start time of their exam with all necessary equipment. This may include spare pens, pencils or calculators and their lanyards.

These mock exams will contribute to the predictions that the class teachers will be making as we move towards UCAS and apprenticeship applications in the Autumn term so please encourage your child to apply themselves to the best of their ability.

Work Experience

As you are aware, Year 12 will be out on work experience from 6th to 10th July. A large number of students have managed to secure this experience and have sent the Unifrog link to employers so that we have confirmed permission. We know that multiple students have reached out to employers and have not been successful with obtaining work experience as of yet. Please encourage your child to continue trying. We are here to help with sending emails and making phone calls. Mrs Zajac has also put multiple opportunities on Google Classroom so students should be encouraged to take these up.

If students do not secure in face work experience, they will be expected in school that week and will be completing online work experience using Springpod.



UCAS process

This term we will be introducing the UCAS process for those who are applying or thinking of applying to University. This will include advising students about how to begin to select courses and universities that they want to study at. We are also going to look at how to write and structure an outstanding personal statement that will help them stand out in competitive fields.

Students who have expressed an interest in applying to Oxbridge or for Medicine/Veterinary Science/Dentistry will have a separate meeting as the process is very different. It is important to note that students must choose between Oxford and Cambridge as you can't apply to both in the same application cycle. If your child is likely to apply to Oxbridge/Medicine, please be aware that the deadline for applications is October 15th and they will need to arrange pre-interview tests and get ready to submit any written work that is requested or will support their application.

My best advice for all students at the moment is to make the most of Open Day visits and read as much as possible around the subject area that they are interested in. Making the choice to go to university suggests that your child is interested in learning more around a particular subject so they need to be sure they are picking the right one for them.

All students have access to a Unifrog account. Here you can search for simple 'How to...' videos which talk you through the process. If you want to learn more, please ask your child to show you their account.

Alongside the work around UCAS, we will also be running sessions for students who have identified an interest in Degree Apprenticeships. They will be shown how to find available apprenticeships and will be given advice about the application process. They will also log on to an apprenticeship website that will alert them if a job is advertised in their field of interest. In addition we are taking all Yr12 students to a UCAS Discovery Day in June which will give them all an opportunity to speak to university and apprenticeship providers in person.

In order to support you with understanding the UCAS process, we would like to offer a session on **Tuesday 12th May** that will take you through all that you need to know, including how to advise your children at home.

As part of the evening above, we will also be offering a session around how to support the wellbeing of your children during exam seasons. This will be led by the School Counsellor.

For young people Year 13 is often associated with increased workload, mocks and a summer term full of exams and, however prepared they are, they are also likely to encounter some periods of stress and anxiety along the way. Navigating how best to support young people and encourage healthy habits at times of stress is not always easy for the adults around them either!



Session for parents

If you would like to attend the session on Tuesday 12th May (from 4:45pm - 6pm) [please register your interest here](#). As stated above, the session will incorporate both support around wellbeing and support around the UCAS process.

As ever, if you have particular questions or concerns relating specifically to your own child's circumstances, please do reach out to their tutor, Mrs Francis or me.

Kind regards,

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