



18th December 2015

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Spring Term – Key dates and information

At the end of a very busy and productive term for students I am writing to inform you of the key dates for next half term.

Year 12 and Year 13:

In January all Level 3 students will sit mock examinations in their AS and A-Level subjects. These exams will provide an important opportunity for students and teachers to assess progress so far and for students to begin preparing for the external examinations they will sit in the summer. Mock week will run from 25th-29th January 2016. Students are expected to attend all timetabled lessons during that week, unless they are timetabled to be in an exam. Individual timetables will be handed to students in the week commencing 11th January 2016. Year 13 students will also sit mock examinations for any Year 12 units they are re-sitting this year.

Students should aim to spend some time over the Christmas break preparing for these mocks; this could involve making a revision timetable for January, organising their files or creating revision cards. Some subjects have set specific revision activities to be completed. We would encourage students to make their revision as active as possible, completing past paper questions and using mark schemes.

Year 13:

The official deadline for submitting UCAS forms for University applications is 15th January 2016. It is imperative that if students are considering progressing to University that they apply by this date otherwise the courses may close for applications. It takes some time to process forms in College and therefore students must send their application to Matt Porter at the very start of term to allow time for checking to take place and forms to reach UCAS by the deadline.

On February 2nd, Year 13 students will have their timetable suspended for Lesson 3 in order for them to attend Information Events relating to University finance if applicable, apprenticeship and employment applications or study skills support. Attendance at one of these sessions is compulsory as it will provide critical information about progression from College at the end of Year 13. A Parents Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 6.00pm to provide parents with key information about how to make and support a student finance application.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas, and we look forward to seeing all students upon their return to College on 4th January 2016.

Yours sincerely

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