

18<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As year 13 start their formal exams and move on to Revision School, year 12 become the role models for the rest of the school and begin their final academic year with us. I am writing today to share some updates for the next half term for year 12 which focuses very much on preparation for post-18 pathways. Students began to consider their options and took part in 'Aspirations Week' in February and signed up to Unifrog- the 'gocompare' of universities. They have had weekly computer sessions in tutor time to explore potential courses, establishments and apprenticeships.

Unifrog have set up a link for parents to use to explore the university options alongside your young people at home. Please go to [www.unifrog.org/code](http://www.unifrog.org/code) and use the code: **PABZparents**. Open Days at universities are an essential part of deciding where you may wish to study and many of them are happening over the next 6 weeks as well as in the autumn term. Please log into the following website to see the overview <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/> or go directly to university websites to register for the Open Days.

Upcoming dates:

**24<sup>th</sup> May:** Post 18 Information Evening for students and parents on site at 6.00pm in the main hall. During this evening we will be discussing why, when and how to apply to university, and what to expect from apprenticeships.

**5-9<sup>th</sup> June:** UCAS sign up for students in tutor times

**14<sup>th</sup> June-** UCAS Fair- visit to Essex University to explore post-18 options

**19<sup>th</sup> June onwards-** Personal Statement writing and pathway meetings with tutors.

**27<sup>th</sup> June until the 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Mock exam period for year 12. Students are welcome to work in school or from home during the exam week but must ensure they sign in and out at pupil services. There will be no formal lessons. The results of these exams form the basis of predicted grades for university and employment.

**7<sup>th</sup> July:** Enterprise Education Day: Students will be taking part in a whole day workshop with local employers on employability skills.

I have been very impressed at the way year 12 are approaching their learning and their studies this term and thank you as always for your support at home. It is set to be a very busy but very productive final half term.

Kind regards



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