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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 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 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 12 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:

14th May: Post-18 Information Evening for students and parents 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. Please complete the MSForm linked here to express your interest and aid with our planning by Wed 8th May. <https://forms.office.com/e/eqfy5U8rXS>

3-7th June: UCAS sign up for students in tutor times

12th June: UCAS Fair- visit to Essex University to explore post-18 options

19th June onwards: Personal Statement writing and pathway meetings with tutors.

24th -28th June: Mock exam period for year 12 or work experience week for vocational students. During this week students are welcome to study 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.

17th July- Personal statement writing workshop. 1-3pm.

I have been very impressed at the way year 12 are approaching 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 summer term and we look forward to seeing you for our post-18 Information Evening on the 14th May.

Kind regards



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