



March 2015

To Year 12 Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

It is difficult to believe how quickly the year has flown by and that we are coming to the end of the AS Level period. This has been a successful year; Year 12 have been a delightful year group and have demonstrated maturity and commitment as they approach their examinations.

Please find enclosed your son/daughter's final review for this academic year.

The estimated final grades are based on the mock examination results and progress throughout the year. In response to parental feedback, teachers have written a comment which consists of a statement of what the student is good at and one of the areas in which they need to focus to improve. This has been timed to give students the opportunity to act on advice given during the Easter holidays.

Tutor comments are based on the wide range of information they have about students, from the day to day contact at registration, to the more formal academic tutoring interviews and the tutor monitoring meetings held throughout the year. Please do comment to the tutor about this review should you wish, by using the email address printed underneath the student comment.

With only a few weeks left until the summer examinations, members of staff are keen to ensure that students have the optimum opportunities to complete practice papers. Research shows that the more examination practice a student has, the higher the grade he/she will achieve. In order to help our students and staff, Mr Armstrong and I have agreed to invigilate some practice examinations after school in the week beginning the 13th of April. One of the big benefits of this is that teaching time will not be lost. Subject teachers will let students know when these examinations are. Should there be a clash, students can then spread their examinations over the week, as long as they have organised this with our Sixth Form Administrator, Mrs Edwards. We hope that you will support us in this additional provision and encourage your son/daughter's full participation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to keep you up to date with the information that has been given to your son/daughter about the next two terms, in addition to the examination timetables which are available on Insight on our website.

- Examination leave starts on Monday 11 May.
- A2 lessons begin on Monday 8 June for all Year 12 students who intend to continue to Year 13
- Students have the opportunity to take up an AS Extended Project Qualification in extra-curricular time and to research and write about a topic of their choice. More information will be given to them about this in June.

- Students will continue with registration every morning, Sixth Form Studies and Enrichment.
- There will be a formal process for students who wish to drop a subject prior to their examination results. However it must be noted that any subject dropped at this stage cannot be pursued to A2 Level, regardless of the examination results. This is because of the amount of potential lessons and work missed. We do not advise dropping a subject in these weeks under any circumstance.
- All students must attain a minimum of two E grades to continue into Year 13.
- If your son/daughter achieves a U grade in any subject, he/she will not be able to continue with that subject to A2.
- Students must have a minimum of 80% attendance in terms 5-6 to continue to A2. This is a really important time when all A2 courses begin, therefore any holidays booked in this time will not be authorised.
- A parent/carer Information Exchange meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 June at 6.00pm in the Sixth Form Common Room. This will cover the UCAS process at Wood Green School.
- You will also receive an invitation to our parent/carer Higher Education Evening on Tuesday 7 July at 7.00pm in the main Hall. This is a joint meeting with parents from The Henry Box School. A speaker from Birmingham University will cover important information about higher education and student finance.
- The last day of term is Friday 17 July.
- A Level Results day is Thursday 13 August from 11.00am – 12.00pm.
- The A Level Drop-In Advice Clinic is on Friday 14 August, from 9.00am – 12.00pm, for any queries.

Thank you for your support during the last academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Sixth Form students success in their examinations and look forward to their return for A2 studies. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's tutor, Mr Armstrong (Head of Year 12 and Year 13), or me.

Yours sincerely



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