

Parents and Carers of Year 12 Students

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week, I have completed the first of a series of presentations about future plans for year 12 and so it seems timely to update you with what is coming up for the year group over the next few weeks and months.

In my presentation, I talked about the many options that students have after they have finished their A levels, including university, apprenticeships or employment. To support them in making their choices, we will be taking them to the UCAS Exhibition in Newport in April. We are also hoping to offer them a trip to Birmingham University campus for an open day. At the beginning of term 6, they will engage in a whole day of future plans sessions that will further help them to understand the choices they have and, as last year, we are hoping to put on a series of lunch time seminars with representatives from different industries. In term 6, we would also encourage students to go to university open days. Many of these are scheduled for weekends, but students can have up to three school days in order to attend open days.

We are now more than half way through year 12 courses and students are generally settled into effective working habits, making good use of the study library and other spaces in their non-contact time. Next term, they will start to turn their attention to revision for year 12 examinations. Departments will be launching their structured programmes in March. The exams will take place from Tuesday 7 May with results released on Tuesday 4 June. Students will need to pass three subjects in year 12 to be able to progress to year 13.

Following exams, there will be just over a week's worth of activities days. As well as Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition taking place in this time, there will be geography fieldwork, department NEA days, the opportunity to do a TEFL course – as well as working in and with departments, pursuing EPQ research or online courses. On the final day of term 5, Gloucestershire Constabulary will be running a day's 'Boost' self-leadership training. It is hoped that later in the year, year 12 students will then run training for pupils in year 8.

Students also have the opportunity to organise their own work experience placements during activities days or in the penultimate week of the school year.

Some key dates are outlined below:

Revision plans start for most subjects	Monday 11 March
Year 12 Report 2	Thursday 14 March
Parents' evening	Thursday 21 March
UCAS Exhibition trip	Tuesday 23 April
Year 12 Exams	Tuesday 7 May-Tuesday 14 May
Activities days	Wednesday 15 May-Friday 24 May
Year 12 Future plans day	Monday 3 June
Year 12 Report 3 (exam results)	Tuesday 4 June
Birmingham University Campus visit	Friday 21 June (provisional)

We are also due to host the emergency services who will be presenting their 'Passenger' programme to the year group at the start of next term. The letter from the Road Safety Education Team is attached here.

I hope this information is helpful.

All best wishes



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