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Dear Parent/Carer

Earlier this term, as part of 'Next Steps Week', students were registered on the Unifrog platform. This is a system that allows students to search for University and apprenticeship courses at a range of national and international institutions, record their extracurricular activities, search online courses that could support them in their applications, as well as hear from students and professionals in specific careers/ courses. It is important students are using this platform by regularly logging their extracurricular achievements and experiences, for example attending free University lectures or trips and workshops.

We are also fast approaching our end of year exams which will take place **Monday 24 June – Wednesday 3 July**. The end of year exams provides an excellent opportunity for students to experience an exam process similar to the public exams they will be sitting in the summer of 2020. It is important students are fully prepared for these exams by using their time appropriately and ensuring they have all the resources needed. All students should have access to their course specifications, past exam questions/papers, as well as revision checklists. We also recommend that students follow the 8,8,8 model during the Easter holiday: eight hours of sleep, eight hours of free time and eight hours of revision. All students have been asked to create a revision timetable for the Easter holiday. These will be checked by their Guardians before the holiday.

It goes without saying that these exams must be taken seriously. They provide us with a clear indication of how your child is progressing on the A Level course, and if they will be able to cope with the more challenging Year 13 content.

The end of year exams will also be significant in predicting grades that will be submitted to UCAS for university applications. With all A Level exams now being linear, Universities will be using these grades, alongside the personal statement and teacher references when considering whether to offer a place on one of their undergraduate courses. Please spend some time talking through university options with your child, taking into account their current progress and anticipated end of year results.

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As a benchmark we are expecting students to achieve at least a grade C in their subjects if they are to automatically progress into Year 13. In any cases where a student does not meet this benchmark, we will be arranging meetings with you and your child to discuss their options for Year 13.

We will send out further information regarding the end of year exams closer to the time, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Vesey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Head of Year 12