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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are well. It has been a pleasure to welcome our Year 12s back to school and they have adapted so well to the requirements of lateral flow testing.

In my presentation, 'Beyond Beaumont', I mentioned the Year 12 Threshold exams, which we use to determine predicted grades for university, apprenticeship and job applications. I can now confirm the dates of these exams. They will take place during a two-week period, commencing 14th June 2021. There will be no lessons during these two weeks and students will only attend school for their timetabled exams. This will allow Year 12 to focus upon their Threshold exams during this time.

As previously mentioned, we use the Year 12 threshold exams to determine university and apprenticeship predicted grades for those students applying for these courses in the next academic year.

Our grade policy is structured to take a positive view of final student outcomes following the Year 12 exam results. It takes the subject grades obtained and gives them an overall three grade uplift. For example, subject grades of BBB will lead to UCAS grades of AAA (where BTECs and CTECs are taken we will use the same philosophy, allowing for the different grading system).

Please note that we are deliberately positive with our predicted grades policy to support University applications. We usually see students achieving 1 or 2 grades higher by the time they take their final exams in Year 13, but sometimes they do achieve this uplift across all subjects, so we have chosen to take a positive approach. This allows students to be aspirational in their choices, but they must also follow guidance and choose a secure insurance place where appropriate.

Due to the importance of these exams, we have scheduled them to start a week after the Summer Half-Term to allow final preparation and full exam board sanctioned access arrangements will be in place as appropriate. Teaching staff will prepare their classes for these exams and scripts will be internally moderated within departments.

Threshold Exams and our predicted grade policy were first introduced four years ago. To date, students have prepared well for these exams and therefore have been well equipped to produce work fitting their potential.

We hope this guidance supports similar outcomes this year. All of the information above will be referenced via assemblies and tutorial time with students, but we believe it is valuable to bring this all together in one source.

I want to take this opportunity to wish your son/ daughter all the best with these exams in June.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Tolley
Head of Sixth Form

