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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope that you and your families had a restful Easter break.

Further to the email I sent last term, we received further updates from UCAS over the Easter holidays and we are busy collating this information ready to share with you as soon as possible. The information will be shared in video format so that it can be accessed at a time convenient to you.

In the meantime, I wanted to take this opportunity to share more details about the Year 12 Threshold exams which will take place during a two week period, commencing 5th June 2023. There will be no lessons during these two weeks and students will only attend school for their timetabled exams. This will allow students to focus upon their Threshold exams during this time.

As discussed during the Parent Information Evening in September, these exams determine progression into Year 13 in accordance with BeauSanVer policy, linked [here](#). We also use them to decide predicted grades for university, apprenticeship and job applications.

Our grade policy is structured to take a positive view of final student outcomes following the Threshold 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 predictions of AAA (where BTECs and CTECs are taken we will use a similar philosophy but will take into account 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 one or perhaps two grades higher than their Threshold Exams by the time they get their final results in Year 13. For example, a student who achieves BBB will often achieve ABB in their final exams. Sometimes students do achieve an increase in every subject, but this is rare. However, we have chosen to take a positive approach to support our students. This allows them 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 the week after the summer half term break to allow for final preparation. Full, exam board-sanctioned access arrangements will be in place where applicable. Teaching staff will prepare their classes for these exams and scripts will be internally moderated within departments.





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As your child prepares for the Threshold exams, this [document](#) provides advice and guidance on how to help students prepare for exams at home.

I hope the above provides you with useful information and will help you in supporting your child to achieve their very best. All of the above information will be shared via assemblies and tutorial time with students.

I want to take this opportunity to wish your child all the best with the Threshold exams in June.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Tolley
Head of Sixth Form

