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Dear Parents/ Carers

Following on from the Beyond Beaumont information evening, please find attached a [link](#) to my presentation providing information about university and apprenticeship pathways.

Further to the information provided yesterday evening, all Year 12 students have now had the opportunity to use the Unifrog website so they can start to get familiar with the wealth of resources available to them. We will continue to encourage Year 12 to access the site, through tutor based activities.

In the presentation, I also mentioned the Year 12 Threshold Exams which we use to determine predicted grades for university, apprenticeship and job applications. These exams will take place during a two week period, commencing 3rd June 2024. There will be no lessons during these two weeks and students will only attend school for their timetabled exams. This will allow Yr 12 to focus upon their Threshold Exams during this time. Please note, for students studying two or more vocational qualifications, we will expect them to be in lessons completing coursework as they will not have Threshold Exams to complete.

As discussed during the Parent Information Evening in September, these exams determine progression into Year 13 in accordance with BeauSandVer 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, which may mean that grades don't go up).

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.





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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.

We hope this guidance provides useful information and encourages your child to achieve their very best. All of the above has been shared via assemblies and tutorial time with students, but we believe it is valuable to bring it all together in one source.

I also wanted to share a [document](#) regarding supporting your child with revision as we approach the Threshold Exams. The document provides advice and guidance on how to help students prepare for exams. I have also linked another [document](#) regarding supporting your child with any stress or anxieties they may have as we approach the Threshold Exams.

As mentioned in the presentation, all Year 12 students will be off timetable on Wednesday 26th June, so that they can attend any Open Days or complete more hours towards their Employer Contact Programme.

If you have any questions relating to the presentation, please click on this [link](#) to submit your question and we will reply after the Easter break.

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

