



Year 12 Information for Parents Evening

AS Exams

Resits – Students who were two grades below their target grade in the mock exam will resit that exam in the week beginning 3rd April 2017. The purpose of this is that students learn from the mistakes in the mock so that they do not make the same mistakes in the summer.

Summer exams – Students need to take the summer exams seriously as they must pass these in order to be able to carry on into Year 13. Students who do well in the summer also place themselves at a considerable advantage in two ways, firstly, when applying for universities their application is much stronger if they have good AS grades to put on their UCAS forms. Secondly, they have a firm base of revision on which to build for their A Level exam, this will help them to be more successful in what has become a more difficult exam.

4 subjects – Many students want to drop to 3 subjects believing that it will help them to do better in 3 – statistics show that this is not the case and that it is to their advantage to do 4. It will get them extra UCAS points and will be a good cushion in case anything goes wrong in one of their subjects in the actual AS Level subjects. It would be best not to drop a subject until the exam results have come through. Last year there were students who had been certain that they were going to drop a subject who actually did better in that subject and then failed in subjects that they thought they were going to do well in. Therefore it was good that they had not dropped a subject.

Work Experience

All students must do some work experience this is a government requirement, this cannot be just doing their usual part-time job, although it can be some form of volunteering. We will do our best to place them in an area of their choice, but they may have to do something that just gives them work skills as there are limited places. **If you have any contacts please let us know.** Work experience will take place during the last week of the summer term. All students must complete a work experience booklet.

Volunteering

All students should have completed a minimum of 20 hours; these should be recorded in their planner and handed into the Sixth Form Office to receive their bronze award.

Holidays

After exams students will start on their A Level studies, so it is important that students continue to attend until the end of term.