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Dear Parent/Carer,

The AS exam's will start on Monday 11 May and therefore the students will be on study from 3:05pm on Friday 8 May. Until this time it is important that students attend all lessons as important exam preparation will be taking place. The A2 courses will begin on Monday 8 June, from which point full attendance will be expected to all subjects.

On returning from study leave all students will be entitled to new signing out privileges that continue into Year 13. All students are expected to attend registration, 8:45-9:00am every weekday, even if they have study periods, Lesson 1 or 2. Important notices are given out and it is necessary to have a regular and fixed point of contact each day. However, students are able to sign out any day from 11:00am onwards if they have finished their taught lessons for that day. They should sign out at the Student Services' Office or using the book in the Common Room.

Students interested in applying to university are encouraged to use this half term to go on University Open Day visits. Students are normally allowed up to a maximum of 3 school days to go on such visits, although many do take place on Saturdays too. A list of available open days can be found via the websites of individual institutions, or via www.opendays.com/calendar

Over the final half term there are a number of events of which you should be aware. Notable dates upcoming:

- Friday 12 June: **Going Further Day:**

This is a day when all returning Year 12 students are off normal timetable. They attend a day of sessions designed to provide information, advice and guidance about post 18 career choices, both Higher education, apprenticeships, employment and other options. Students will be informed of the arrangements for the day nearer the time.

- Tuesday 23 June: **Higher Education Parents Information Evening, 7:00 - 8:00pm:**

This evening, which will take place in the Main Hall, is aimed at parents but students are also welcome to attend. A guest speaker from a local HE institution will provide a short talk outlining the support you can provide with choosing the correct course, the application process and the financial aspects of a university application. This will be followed by a Q&A session.

- Friday 26 June: **School Sports' Day:**

On Sports' Day, Year 12 students are encouraged to take an active role in the organisation of the day for the younger students. For students not involved in this organisation, there is an opportunity for organised private study in E6. Subject staff will provide independent study work.

- Thursday/Friday 2/3 July: **Activities Days:**

Younger pupils are involved in cross curricular activities days on these dates. Year 12 students will attend sessions about enrolment onto the UCAS website and begin a provisional application, pending their results in August. This process will then continue in the Autumn Term. The days will also involve support sessions for independent learning and pre-university study skills, as well as personal statement drafting, letter of application writing and CV drafting. Students will be asked to attend school on *either* the Thursday *or* the Friday. The other day may be used, at the discretion of each individual student, for either Open Day visits, supporting the lower school activities, educational enrichment visits as directed by subject staff, (e.g. museum, art gallery), or for private study at home.

- Thursday 13 August: **AS Level results day:**

Students can collect results from 9:00-11:00am in the Breakout Space. (They should not attend any earlier than this as Year 13 students will be collecting their A2 results). I hope you find the above information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you require further details. A copy of this letter will also be posted on the school website.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this letter, including giving your permission for the new signing out privileges for your son/daughter, by signing and returning the slip below .

Yours sincerely,



J Robinson (Mrs)
Year 12 Year Leader

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To student: Please return this slip to your form tutor

Student's name: Form:

I acknowledge receipt of the above letter regarding Sixth Form notices, dated 6 May, 2015 and give my permission for my son/daughter to make use of the new signing out privileges on appropriate days.

I/We will/will not be attending the Higher Education information evening on 23 June 2015

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date: