



Dear Year 12 parent/carer,

Year 12 end of year 1 examinations, Year 13 programmes of study and A level predicted grades

Year 12 students will have their end of year 1 internal examinations during the period Monday 25th June to Monday 9th July and will receive their examination timetables by Friday 4th May. They will be given study leave during this period with lessons recommencing on Tuesday 10th July. These are important examinations for the following reasons.

1. Students will only be able to progress into Year 13 if they achieve a pass in their end of year 1 exam. Students who do not meet this standard will be given one resit opportunity before the end of the year in order to fulfil requirements. Similarly, students who do not achieve within 1 grade of their target grade will be given the opportunity to resit in order to improve their attainment. All Year 13 students should be following a programme of three substantial examined courses. Where a student's programme falls below this they must have a meeting with Mr Adams or Mr Elliot to agree what can be added to their programme to make it a viable course of study. This might involve an extended work experience.
2. These internal exams will provide teachers with the evidence required to predict A Level grades for students for each subject, which will be used for UCAS applications, apprenticeships and employment references.
3. It is, therefore, vitally important that students begin thorough revision and preparation for these examinations.

The predicted grade in each subject will be based on the student's examination result. Where the result is less than the student's performance during the first two terms in year 12, the predicted grade may be raised if the student's attainment at the beginning of the autumn term is consistently higher than that seen in the July examination.

Predicted grades will be fixed in in the autumn term of year 13 and not altered **after Friday 14th September 2018** for students applying for early UCAS deadline (Courses at Cambridge or Oxford or dentistry, medicine or veterinary medicine at any university) or **Friday 19th October 2018** for students applying for the later UCAS deadline. These deadlines are in place to ensure consistency in the setting of predicted grades and to allow the sixth form team to process all applications by the end of November. Where there is a genuine reason for a student applying later than this date, a discussion with Mr Adams (UCAS coordinator) or Mr Elliot (Head of Year 12) is required in advance. Students from St Edwards are usually very successful in achieving their university/ apprenticeship places and do so as a result of their own drive combined with an excellent sixth form team who coach them through writing personal statements, and who produce quality academic references that reflect students' strengths.

Sixth Form teachers use their professional judgement, experience and available assessment evidence when setting a student's predicted grade, therefore, students are asked not to put pressure on staff to alter these. We are informing you of the process in advance so that you can support students to begin making the necessary preparations to achieve their potential.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Murphy-Parry (Head of Sixth Form)