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Dear Parent/Carer

### **UCAS Predicted Grades - Year 12**

Following the first reported LAG (Likely to Achieve Grade) of the year, I am writing to share information we have provided to the students about UCAS predicted grades at the end of the academic year. We do this now to ensure a clear understanding of how the grades will be generated, what feeds into the prediction, and our expectations around how students respond to them.

Students have been informed (via assembly last week) that our UCAS predicted grades are generated under the principle that they are 'realistically optimistic.' These predictions need to be based on 'solid evidence' in the form of assessments, exams, tests and work done throughout the year. Different departments may place different emphasis on different parts of the process. They are produced by subject staff who know the demands of Year 13 for their subject and have the experience of providing these year on year. Some 514 out of 557 predictions from the 2024 cohort (92%) either matched or were higher than the achieved grade.

It is important to remember that we do not set grades based on what is required for particular courses at university, and that predicted grades are not a basis for negotiation - there is no formal appeal process. Grades will be reviewed at the data collection point in November of Year 13; they can be changed if a teacher thinks it is appropriate and there is sufficient evidence. It is important to note this is after the early entry deadline.

We have asked the students to be honest with themselves about where they are in their subjects, work consistently and be proactive with how to improve, as well as to be polite and respectful to staff when discussing predictions. Absence from assessments (and then completing them in unsupervised conditions) can't be used as a reason to improve predictions.

The year group have had a reflection session in their Personal Development slot this week, and been made aware that there are future data points in March and in July following Year 12 exam week in June. There is a consultation evening in May; before UCAS predictions and Year 12 exams. Our Next Steps evening is Tuesday 11 February. We work with our students to research different pathways throughout Year 12.

Finally, I would like to share with you all how incredibly impressed I have been with the year group as a whole since the start of the year. The energy and enthusiasm that has gone into all they do has been a delight to see. I have been hugely impressed with the way they have immersed themselves in the wider life of the school and shown themselves to be fantastic role models for the younger students.

I wish them all a happy and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to seeing them all in the new year.

Kind regards

Andrew Skinner  
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