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As we reach the end of our first half term this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank you for supporting the school as we have all adjusted to a 'new normal' and also to make you aware of the following information.

## Post sixth form careers, advice and guidance

Since returning to school in September, we have been supporting students with their post-sixth form plans. This has involved discussing the careers related tasks, that were set during the period school was closed, as well as providing some remote careers talks given by external organisations, including sessions delivered by the Department of Work and Pensions on how to market yourself and how COVID has changed the labour market. We have also hosted talks given by different universities and this week a session on how to re-draft personal statements is taking place. Remote careers sessions will continue after half term with sessions booked in with the National Apprenticeship Service and on university finance. All students in Year 13 had a one-to-one meeting with a careers advisor either remotely or in school.

## UCAS

As you will be aware, many students are in the process of making applications to UCAS. Students are being supported in this process by their form tutors and the wider sixth form team. All students have been given a Student UCAS Booklet and are encouraged to use Unifrog. This is an online careers platform the school subscribes to, that provides useful information about universities, apprenticeships and allows students to create their university shortlist based on various criteria.

## UCAS Predicted Grades

Staff are providing these for all students by Friday 16 October so that form tutors can ensure that all students are aware of these grades prior to half term. This is to allow students time over the half term holiday to finalise their choice of which universities/courses to apply to. We understand that this year due to the pandemic and closure of school, students may feel more anxious than usual about these predictions. Form tutors and the wider sixth form team are trying to reassure students and we have written a statement on how these predictions have been awarded to reassure students that a wide range of factors have been taken into account. Please see below.

## When making subject grade predictions for UCAS teachers will take into account the following:

- The work produced by students before the closure of school and period of remote learning.
- The work that was produced by students during the period while school was closed & remote learning was taking place.
- The work that students have produced since their return to school in September.



- Assessments that have been completed by students.
- All formative and summative assessments that students have completed in class.
- The professional judgement of subject teachers as to how much progress they can reasonably expect a student to make before the end of their course in the summer term of 2021.

***Please note that as a school, we are aware of the difficulties students faced when school closed and remote learning was taking place. Therefore, we will give more weight to some considerations, as appropriate, for individual students. As a school, we do our best to ensure that students will not be disadvantaged by the grade predictions for UCAS as a result of the current global pandemic.***

If a student wants to question their predictions, we have asked students not to contact subject teachers directly. Instead, they are to complete a UCAS Predicted Grades Appeals Form, information about which will be given to students in school. I would also ask that if any parents/guardians have any queries regarding these predictions, that they contact me and not individual subject teachers I can then liaise with subject staff on behalf of students and parents as appropriate.

If you would like any further information about the UCAS process, or feel that your son/daughter requires any additional careers support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### **Parents' Evening Thursday 11 November 4.30-6.30pm**

Please note that Parents' Evening for Year 13 will take place on Thursday 11 November 4.30-6.30pm. This will take place remotely with parents and guardians being able to book appointments with teachers and members of the sixth form team via the usual booking system. Further information will be sent out separately giving more information about this.

#### **School attendance and Privilege Pass system**

Please be aware that we have reviewed our Privilege Pass system (please see enclosed copy), which was introduced last year, so that it now encourages students to develop employability skills as well as independent learning skills.

#### **Student timetable**

A copy of your son/ daughter's timetable is also being sent home to you (enclosed with this letter if you are receiving it via the post) so that you are aware of when they are expected in school, and also when they are able to leave the school site according to the level of privilege they have been awarded.

#### **16-19 School Bursary Fund**

As you will already be aware money from the 16-19 bursary fund is available to students with a household income of less than £25,000.00 and students who currently receive free school meals automatically qualify this. The bursary is designed to help pay for things students really need to stay on for further education at Sixth Form. Examples of what this can be spent on include bus tickets to and from school, equipment for courses (such as an appropriate school bag, folders, revision cards and pens) as well as activities and trips which are part of the academic enrichment or wider enrichment programmes (e.g. school trips). Students eligible for the bursary can also apply to borrow a school laptop for the year. Please note that students who were previously eligible must reapply at the start of each new school year. The application form was sent to all students via their school email in September and information about this can also be found on the school website. Students can also apply for this during the school year if financial circumstances within their household change.

**Contact details**

It is important that we have up-to-date contact details for parents. Also in order to improve communication between parents and the sixth form, we have established a sixth form email distribution list. If you have not been receiving text messages, and/ or have not previously supplied us with your email address, or need to update your current email contact details, please email this information to [izzygillibrand@allertongrange.com](mailto:izzygillibrand@allertongrange.com).

**Important dates**

Half term Monday 26 – Friday 30 November 2020

Training Day Friday 27 November 2020

UCAS application internal deadline Sunday 1 November 2020

Parents Evening Thursday 11 November 2020

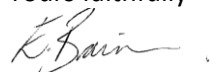
UCAS application internal deadline Wednesday 11 December 2020 - all applications to be sent off

Christmas holiday Monday 21 December – Monday 4 January 2021

Pre Public Exams Monday 4 January – Monday 11 January 2021

UCAS application external deadline 15 January 2021

Yours faithfully



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