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Year 12 Post-18 Information Evening – Tuesday 6th March

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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student

I am writing to invite you and your son/daughter to attend our Post-18 Information Evening on **Tuesday 6th March** in the Main School Hall. It is expected that all Year 12 students will attend in uniform, with their parents wherever possible. Due to the size of the year group, we will run two separate sessions:

Surnames beginning A to H - 6.30pm start Surnames beginning I to Z - 7.30pm start.

The aim of the evening is to provide you with guidance and information about the options available to students on leaving school such as various types of post-18 education, apprenticeships and work placements. This information, in conjunction with your discussions at Parents' Evening and the next report on academic progress at the end of term, should give your child a more realistic idea of the pathway they might follow, be that university, other training or employment. Their Post-18 Gateway Exams in the summer will then be critical in determining their success and their options post-18.

We have also organised for Dr Mike Sewell, Admissions Tutor at Selwyn College Cambridge and retired Director of Admissions for the Cambridge Colleges, to speak at **7pm on Tuesday 13th March** to any students and parents who wish to know more about applications to Oxford and Cambridge.

In the meantime, you may find these key dates useful in planning the start of your son/daughter's post-18 progression (these are a subset of the detailed timeline previously issued via the Parental and Post-18 Bulletins):

- **Tuesday 20th February** – Introduction to Unifrog an on-line post-18 research tool
- **Monday 26th February** and **Monday 12th March** – Tutorials on CV Writing
- **Monday 5th March** – Post-18 Preparation Tutorial
- **Tuesday 6th March** – Post-18 Information Evening
- **Wednesday 7th March** onwards - Researching careers, entry requirements, booking university Open Day visits, organising work experience, job research
- **Tuesday 13th March** – Oxbridge Information Evening with Dr Mike Sewell, Tutor for Admissions
- **Thursday 15th March** – Apprenticeships session
- **Monday 19th March** – Post-18 Preparation Tutorial- Year 12 and 13 Q&A and sharing of experience
- **Tuesday 18th April** – Higher Education Convention, ExCel Exhibition Centre, London (also includes employers)
- **Wednesday 19th April** – Student Life session
- **Thursday 3rd May** – Year 12 Rotary Interviews (with external business professionals)
- **Thursday 17th May** – Personal Statement education
- **Monday 4th June** – Deadline for first draft of Personal Statement/CV to tutor
- **Tuesday 5th June** – UCAS Apply education
- **Monday 18th - Friday 22nd June** - Year 12 Post-18 Gateway Exams (students attend only for exams)
- **Monday 25th to Friday 29th June** – Year 12 Work Experience (all students out of school on post-18 activities)

Key information will be provided on the night when links to a range of on-line resources will also be published. The fortnightly Post-18 Bulletin will continue to contain appropriate reminders and relevant information.

We look forward to seeing you on the evening of Tuesday 6th March.

Yours sincerely

Mr R H Stark, Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form



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