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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Year 12 Next Steps Predication Examinations

The Year 12 Next Steps Predication Examinations are due to run in the weeks commencing 31st March and 21st April. Students have already been sent the individual timetable for these examinations to aid students in their preparation for their assessments.

The Next Steps Predication Examinations are an important milestone for our Year 12 students and enables them to assess gaps in knowledge and exam technique improvements going forward into Year 13. Whilst it is not possible for us to fully simulate what the actual exam period will be like at the end of Year 13, this does enable students to feel some of the pressures they will feel during the real examinations and to develop core coping mechanisms to ensure they are in the correct frame of mind to be successful in the long run. We will therefore be working with our students in the coming weeks to discuss items such as exam stress, exam stamina and revision prioritisation.

The grades for the assessments will form part of the predicted grade that students will receive from departments, which will be used for next steps purposes be that UCAS (university), apprenticeships or work. It is therefore vitally important that students in Year 12 are using free time to revise content that will be on the examination. Please note, whilst the assessments do form a basis of the predicted grades students will get, other ongoing assessment will also be used to inform this. We will share these grades with you and students early in Year 13 once the data has been collected.

To this end, we highly recommend that students speak to their teachers regarding specific revision strategies for their course lines. However, we have provided some 'cover-all' strategies for students to engage in via our teaching and learning website. The link to which can be found [here](#).

The examinations will aid us in assessing students who we believe are 'Year 13 Ready' and as such we require students to obtain the following grades as a minimum grades in these examinations to ensure a smooth transition into Year 13:

- ALevel Subjects – Grade D
- Vocational Subjects – Merit (Average grade across both coursework and examinations)



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Students who fall short of this level will be placed on our transition pathway during the summer term. This will mean an enhanced provision and support from Sixth Form staff, with the view of a new assessment being sat towards the end of the summer term to see progress. In some cases parents may be invited in for meetings to discuss this pathway in full.

I hope you and our Year 12 students get a restful break over the Easter period, but that students use the time wisely to get organised with their revision in order to put themselves in the best possible position to be successful in the end of year examinations and beyond.

Kind regards

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