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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Next Steps Provision

I wanted to write to you before the end of the term to inform you of the plan for Year 12 Next Steps Provision throughout the summer term. This I hope will provide you with all the information you need to support your child through this process as well as some key dates for events which are designed to provide information for students making the all-important decisions regarding where they will be going after Sixth Form.

Our next steps provision starts after half term with the initial research phase. I know lots of our students will already be mindful of where they want to go but we will be supporting them through tutoring and their ACTIVE session to dig deeper through all of the opportunities which are out there for them. We do this through a platform called UniFrog – and whilst it has Uni in its title, this really is a 'one stop shop' of next steps provision containing a number of opportunities for our students to engage in. The initial work on here will be to look at the opportunities available to them, to really help make decisions about their next steps. Often our students will look to go to university, but there are a growing number of degree level apprenticeship schemes in a range of areas that may prove to be more appropriate for our learners.

A large part of the research phase of the next steps provision is our Destinations Evening. This will be on **Wednesday 7th May** where we will invite you and your child in to hear from a range of speakers regarding routes into university, apprenticeship and employment. Last year we had over 30 speakers doing 15 minute speeches on a rotation throughout the evening allowing you and your child to pick your own way through the event. These speakers were from a range of universities including Cambridge, Goldsmiths and Reading as well as apprenticeship providers such as NatWest, The Met Police and Allianz. We also had alumni showcasing their career paths to help our students to see where their current subjects can take them. We will write out again after half term with an official invite to this event and giving you more information about the speakers.

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As we progress into June we have booked enough tickets for all of our students to attend the UCAS Discovery Event at the University of East London on ***Thursday 5th June***. Students will receive an invite to book a ticket for the event within the next few days. I would urge them to do so regardless of their next steps as UCAS is now an application gateway for apprenticeships as well as university. I know some students attended the event at the Excel Centre earlier this week; we purposely did not book for this one as we wanted student's focus to be on their examinations either side of the Easter Break.

After May half term, all of our Tutor Time and ACTIVE sessions become focused on preparation for next steps. We will ask students to tell us their desired next steps and this will change the provision they get during these sessions, allowing us to tailor their experience to their needs in terms of application documentation and the support we offer.

An important part of the next steps process is Work Experience which will run for all Year 12 on the W/C 30th June. This is designed for our students to experience the world of work and is useful for our students to decide on a next steps, but also for them to rule out potential career paths. If your child needs support in finding a place please do ask. I am aware that some firms can only accommodate in different dates to this and we will work with you and your child to authorise attendance to Work Experience outside of these dates. Please do contact us if this is the case for your child.

Our next steps run culminates with our annual 'Futures Day' on ***Wednesday 9th July*** (please note this is subject to change as it coincides with the annual sports day and therefore is weather dependent). This is a day where all Year 12 students are removed from their timetabled lessons and spend an intensive day on preparing for their next steps. This will include support with the new UCAS personal statement questions, UCAS application admin, CV building and application letters.

I hope that the above measures and opportunities means that our Year 12 students are fully prepared for their next steps to make applications and secure places in employment, university and apprenticeships from the very start of Year 13 meaning they can focus on their studies and examinations to ensure they meet the conditions of any offers they receive.

Yours sincerely



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