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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of Year 13,

Re: essential information for Year 13s

I hope this communication finds you well. We are now into the final week of lessons for year 13, with the summer public exam season fast approaching. It is therefore timely to offer some important information and updates:

1. Year 13 lessons until Thursday 19th May 2022

Owing to the potential challenges sixth formers may have faced over the past two years, we have decided to maximise the time available to us before the start of the exam season to ensure students are best prepared.

- All Year 13 lessons will continue until Thursday 19th May period 5. Students are expected to attend lessons until this date.
- If students are absent due to illness, parents should report this in the usual way.
- There will be a farewell assembly on Thursday 19th May during p5 in the ks4 hall.
- The majority of A level exams will begin during the w/c 23rd May

2. UCAS key dates

As previously communicated, we are really pleased with the fantastic university offers students are receiving, and the vast majority have now received all of their offers. With key deadlines looming, it is imperative that students complete all administrative tasks **before** the start of the summer exam season, so that they may maintain their focus on exam preparation only. Here are some key dates and links to information, for your reference:

- Replying to university offers – **deadline 9th June 2022**

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers#reply-dates>



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- Student finance – **deadline 31st May 2022**
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance/when>

For those students interested in exploring other progression routes such as Apprenticeships, we will continue this support up until the start of the exams season. Once exams are finished, we will resume this support, as and when needed. Furthermore, all students have access to Ms Uddin, our careers' coordinator, who can be contacted via email for any Progression-based queries.

3. Summer exam season

- Year 13 students were all emailed a link to their **individual exam timetable** via their school account. These timetables contain lots of important information for each exam – times, venues, seat numbers and exam codes
- Students have been asked to email this link to their parents so they can be fully aware
- Students must be in sixth form dress including wearing their ID/lanyard for every exam as well as their exam card; students must not come to school in sportswear, jeans, hoodies or hats.
- Please note the summer half term dates are **30th May to 3rd June**, and so there will be no exams during this period
- Please also note the exam boards have reserved the **29th June as an exam contingency day** and students must be available for exams on that day if needed

Once the exam season is up and running, it is important that year 13 students continue to maintain good life and study habits, with a focus on their physical and mental health. The following information will be beneficial to read/watch:

- a [guide to coping with exam pressure](#), produced with Professor David Putwain, a researcher (and a former school and college teacher) at Liverpool John Moore's University
- a [video from Professor David Putwain of Liverpool John Moore's University](#) giving his 3 top tips to help students prepare for their exams this summer
- a [blog by Professor Kevin Woods and Dr Tee McCaldin outlining the sorts of things that might help students to prepare for exams](#)
- [videos on OFQUAL social media channels](#) of tips for students from other students
- a [blog](#) with advice for students and exams officers on this summer's exam series
- a series of videos of students and alumni from Eden Girls' School in Coventry:
 - [What advice would you give to exam students?](#)
 - [What tips do you have for revising?](#)
 - [What's been your approach to revision?](#)
 - [Are you happy that exams are back?](#)
 - [What's been your approach to revision?](#)

4. Special consideration

- Special consideration is awarded to a candidate who has temporarily experienced significant illness, injury or some other event outside of their control at the time of their public exam. It is applied when the issue has had a material effect on a student's ability to sit an assessment or demonstrate his/her usual level of attainment in assessment.
- Information about special consideration can be read here: [A-guide-to-the-special-consideration-process-202122---General-and-Vocational-qualifications-Updated-8-April-2022.pdf \(jcq.org.uk\)](#)
- If you believe you may meet the criteria for claiming special consideration, please email exams@beaconacademytrust.co.uk

5. A level results day

- Results will be emailed to all students from **8am on Thursday 18th August 2022** via their school email address, which will not be closed until the end of September
- The ks3 sports hall will also be open from 8am for students who would like to come in
- For support with post-exam services (appeals, script recall etc) and progression (clearing, careers' advice etc), we will be based in the ks3 main hall until 3pm

6. Year 13 'Summer Formal' ('Prom') and Hoodies

- 'Summer Formal' has been confirmed for the 29th June 2022 – tickets are £6 and may be purchased via ParentPay. Deadline to receive payment is this Friday 20th May 2022. The ticket price is greatly subsidised by student fundraising and includes marquee, DJ, pizza truck and ice-cream van, 360 Photobooth and all decorations and lighting.
- Leavers' hoodies have been ordered for those students who paid via ParentPay. We have now taken delivery of these and they will be distributed on Thursday 19th May, in time for the Farewell Assembly

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish year 13 students the very best with their exams; we have every confidence that their hard work and preparation will pay dividends. We look forward to continuing to support them throughout the exam season and then celebrating with them thereafter.

Yours faithfully

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