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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 12 students,

I hope that this letter finds you well. I am writing to provide you with a brief update following the return to college on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the resilience, professionalism and commitment that the students have demonstrated both over the lockdown period and since returning to college. Both the Year 12 and 13 students have conducted themselves in a respectful and professional manner throughout.

## **Year 12 mock examinations**

As face to face learning has now resumed, our aim is to re-establish good learning habits and study skills. We have therefore made the decision to postpone the mock examination period until 7<sup>th</sup> June – 18<sup>th</sup> June. These new dates allow the student sufficient time to build upon their learning and necessary skills to succeed.

## **UCAS and work experience**

Conversations with students about their ambitions and aspirations are now underway. All students will be involved in a number of activities and workshops throughout terms 5 and 6 exploring university options, apprenticeships and career pathways.

Registration for UCAS will begin in May and all students will be supported by their tutors in this process. As part of the university application process, students are required to demonstrate evidence of wider reading and experience relevant to their chosen course. Although the national lockdown has made it incredibly challenging for students to access live work experience placements, a number of alternative opportunities are on offer. In order to help these conversations continue at home, students have been directed to the following two resources:

- *Y12 Work Experience Google Classroom*, accessible via student's college accounts. The code to join this classroom is nlds2c. This is updated weekly with opportunities ranging from medicine and healthcare opportunities to general university information.
- *Unifrog* is a fantastic online resource for searching university and college courses, alongside apprenticeships and career ideas. All student have individual accounts, which can be accessed at [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org).

## **Enrichment and extra-curricular**

As of term 5, we will be launching a new enrichment programme with new options for year 12 students to engage with. New activities include the launch of a fair trade stall, gardening and sport to name a few. Our aim is to provide students with new experiences, encouraging them to embrace new ideas, skills and friendships.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and patience throughout this challenging period.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Nicholas Sutton

Acting Director of Sixth Form



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