

9 February 2015

Dear Parents

I would like to update you with some forthcoming events and developments.

### **HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS FAIR ON FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY**

I am pleased to attach a list of Exhibitors and we hope you will be able to attend the event in the Sports Hall from 3 - 4 pm. Your son should register at 0830 in the Dining Hall and he will be provided with a light breakfast on arrival. He should wear the normal BWS uniform.

### **APPLICATION FOR YEAR 13**

Your son will be invited to apply to Year 13 after Half Term. He will be issued with an Application Form and he will ask teachers to support his application. If your son is given qualified support we will inform you. Students are required to achieve a minimum 'C' grade at AS Level this summer if they wish to continue to A2 from September.

### **STUDENT USE OF SELF-DIRECTED STUDY PERIODS**

Your son has a number of self-directed study periods on his timetable every week. As the public examinations approach, we are very eager to make sure that he is making appropriate use of these and therefore, with effect from Monday 23 February, all Year 12 students will be required to register in the Work Room at the start of each self-directed study period. Students will be expected to make use of the private study facilities in the Work Room and the Library during these periods. Students are not required to sign out on Friday afternoon at the start of Period 7. We think that proper use of study periods will make a significant contribution to your son's academic progress and we are very grateful for your support. Lessons in all subjects will run up to Friday 8 May. From Monday 11 May the normal timetable is suspended for Year 12 and your son is not required to register. However many departments will be arranging revision classes from this date. Your son will return to School to start his A2 courses on Wednesday 10 June. He will continue with all four subjects until September when he is most likely to reduce to three A2 subjects.

### **REPORTING**

You will receive a second report on your son's academic progress on 9 March. Most Departments are setting mock exams over the next few weeks. If subject teachers have concerns about your son's progress they may wish to invite him and you for discussions on Monday 23 March from 4 pm. You will be contacted nearer the time if that is the case.

Yours sincerely

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