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Dear Parents

Reports are available today for your son to collect from his mentor. In conjunction with the recent internal examinations and the AS results (see below) in August, your son's report provides him with an overview of his current progress and suggests important targets for him to work towards in the second year of his A Level courses.

Students who have taken AS Levels this year will be able to collect results from the Sixth Form Centre at **11.00am on Thursday 17 August**. Please note that parking is not available and we are unable to issue results by email or telephone. Should your son wish results to be posted, he will need to provide the Exams Office with an S.A.E. before the end of term. Alternatively he may arrange for a third party to collect the results for him - he will need to provide a letter of authorisation and the third party should also carry I.D. please.

For most students, the early part of the Autumn Term is dominated by the **UCAS (university) application**. All students have been registered on the UCAS system and this will enable them to add personal data to their user area over the next few weeks. All students have also attended a session on the Personal Statement. Priority candidates have an early application deadline (Oxbridge, Medicine, Vet Medicine and Dentistry) of 20 September and so the Personal Statement should be near complete by early September. All students are encouraged to complete their applications as early as possible; we would expect most students to have submitted their applications before the October Half Term. Plenty of advice for students (and parents) is available on the UCAS website www.ucas.com. I would also like to recommend Mrs Armstrong's site <http://www.he-parentsguide.co.uk/>.

We would recommend that students use the summer to broaden their academic interests – reading, web based courses, weekend courses and work experience can all make a big difference to a student's readiness for Higher Education, employment, apprenticeship or training.

Your son will return to Year 13 on **Wednesday 6 September at 8.40am**. Only students wishing to explore options changes will be in at 1pm on 4 September – flexibility to effect changes will be very limited however. Finally, students required to re-sit internal exams on Tuesday 5 September have been informed of the need to attend at **8.45am** on that day.

Finally, many students will be learning to drive or have just passed; I would like to recommend this short clip made by BBC and Channel 4 presenter Sophie Morgan. Please encourage your son to register and do a couple of modules. The software is all free and online. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pf4u4GDPXDE&list=UUxcaxxpi0SYPiVxphzzSFBA>. Your son will be attending the 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' event in October. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

With best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer

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