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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Preparing your child for Year 13

This final term of Year 12 has been very productive and very busy for our cohort of Year 12 pupils. They have completed **public examinations**, completed a series of **progression days** and also completed **work experience**. The aim of this letter is to help you support your child with their preparations for year 13 – specifically their applications to universities or to apprenticeships.

Unifrog

Through collaboration with CU London, the school has acquired access to Unifrog. This is an online portal with thousands of apprenticeships and university courses listed. It also has helpful online guides for students and their parents when choosing what they want to do or how they can make a successful application. All students should have a login, so please ask them to show you the resource. We advise that students use this resource over the 6 weeks to help them prepare their applications.

UCAS

This summer we ran Progression Day sessions over 5 days ranging from guidance on applying to university, UCAS fairs to find out about different courses, sessions on early applications, talks with apprenticeship experts and meetings with former students pursuing different studies and careers. The feedback from students was that this was very useful.

Deciding what to pursue after school is difficult but we hope that over the summer students consolidate their plans for employment, training or further education. When we return to school in September, students are expected to consult their subject teachers and get guidance from them on their CVs or personal statements. The deadlines for students to pay and send their applications are listed below. We guarantee support and advice to improve applications if students meet these deadlines.

Key Dates

- **Thursday 16th August:** Year 12/13 Results Day. Results can be collected from 10:00am to 11:00am.
- **Wednesday 29th August:** Transition interviews for Year 12 pupils who have not passed any one of their Year 12 courses. Further details will be sent with the Year 12 results to the of pupils this applies to. These interviews will take place from 9:30am to 12:30pm in the main hall at the upper site.
- **Wednesday 5th September:** Start of school. All Year 13 pupils should report to the main hall on the upper school site at 8:45am.
- **Friday 14th September:** Students applying for courses in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science or for any course at Oxford or Cambridge need to pay and send their UCAS application by this date.
- **Tuesday 16th October:** any student applying for any other university course needs to pay and send their UCAS application by this date.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to supporting your child in their final and most important year of school to date.

Your faithfully

Dr Spandl (Deputy Headteacher)

