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Dear Parent/Carer

## UCAS Grades

This week I have begun the process of collating UCAS grades for students applying to university. These grades are completed by subject teachers and identified in line with UCAS guidance. UCAS asks that these grades are 'aspirational but achievable' and are what a student might achieve in 'positive circumstances'. Teachers will use their professional judgement and expertise, along with a variety of criteria to identify these grades including data; Year 12 assessments and assessments completed at the start of this term.

These grades are used by universities and colleges as part of the admissions process to help them understand a candidate's potential. They are used in conjunction with personal statements and the academic reference.

The grades provided by teachers at this early stage can be changed but this can only be done once a student consistently shows through their work that they are capable of making progress and achieving a higher grade.

When researching courses students should be looking for a range of entry requirements, both above and below their UCAS grades.

Please note these UCAS grades would not be used in the generation of Centre Assessed Grade if we were ever to be asked by OfQual to do that again. They are also not 'predicted' grades but should be seen by students as a grade to work towards and aspire to and help with their university application.

Students should ask their form tutor or subject teachers for their UCAS grades from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. If they wish to discuss how to improve their UCAS grades this should be done with their subject teachers.

Yours faithfully

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