



Friday 17 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 12

I hope you are well and had a good Easter Break. Below are some reminders as well as new information as we gear up towards the impending, crucial Progression Examination season and the Work Experience which follows...

Work Experience

The w/c Monday July 6th sees our Year 12 Work Experience Week.

As said previously, your child securing a quality and relevant work experience placement is key.

At the moment, a majority of students have met the March 31st deadline for securing a place – but a number still need to arrange something.

A reminder: how can you continue to support your child in all this?

- Talk to them about their future plans
- Ensure they have signed up to or re-accessed Grofar (many of our students will have set this up in Year 10 and have been reminded of process for all this)
- Encourage them to be proactive in seeking out placements
- Advise them to look at as well as make use of the documents we have provided which support them in telephone call making and email writing
- Perhaps enquire with friends, family and work about potential and relevant placements they might offer to your children
- Keep the conversation with your children going so there is impetus – so they secure a placement ASAP
- Ensure all of this is tracked and recorded in Grofar

Students have last month been issued with a supportive database to give them contact points at previous providers – however, they are of course not limited to using this.

Many thanks to those who have helped their children in already completing this.

If your child is already sorted, perhaps discuss with them how they can maximise the experience and also how they can tie it in to future plans and applications – after half-term, we offer our Future Pathways Launch where a quality work experience will be vital to successful, competitive applications to university, apprenticeships, employment, volunteering/gap year opportunities.

Online Safety

The latest Online Safety Newsletter has been added to the website and is also linked here: [Online Safety Newsletter April 2026](#)

Progression Exams and Tier 1-3 Support

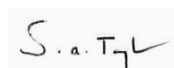
You will be familiar by now with our Tier 1-3 support process which aims to give all students opportunity to be successful – and to then have more future choices and greater likelihood of happiness.

- Tier 1 students (those behind in one subject only) are currently undertaking Academic Mentoring with their Tutor and focusing on action planning in that area where they have perhaps particularly struggled.
- Tier 2 students (behind in 2) continue to be supported in selected and targeted non-contact/free periods by Miss Icke for the subjects where they are not currently at target.
- Tier 3 students (behind in all targets) are this week meeting staff who will support them with detailed action plans which will be shared and help ensure effective use of time in the non-contacts/frees which are spent in C220.

This support should help students with greater opportunity to experience success in the Progression Exams which approach in June.

Thanks as ever and do make contact (Extension 8414) if you feel the need at any point.

Yours faithfully,



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