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Dear Parent / Carer

As we come to the end of an extremely busy Summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon what has been an incredibly productive and successful year, with our students taking advantage of many opportunities presented to them both within and beyond Sixth Form. We are extremely proud of their achievements so far, and look forward to continued success in the new academic year.

End of Year Examination Results

All of our Year 12 students sat a robust series of end of year examinations in June, and the outcomes of these, along with current effort and attendance can be found enclosed. We encourage you to discuss this information with your child and contact us should you have any concerns. It is essential that students take a proactive approach to addressing any areas for improvement that have emerged from these examinations, so that they can achieve their full potential in Year 13.

Looking Ahead

During this final half-term, students have been working on their personal statements, in preparation for the UCAS application process, or applying for apprenticeships and employment opportunities. We will continue this in the Autumn term, and students will receive comprehensive support from both their tutors and the Sixth Form Leadership Team, to ensure that they plan their next steps carefully. Students have also been signposted to sources of guidance and support to help them to make informed choices about suitable options, and have access to our Sixth Form careers advisors to support with this.

Please be aware that any students who wish to apply to Oxford / Cambridge, or for Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary Medicine courses, the UCAS application deadline is 16 October. We are currently working with these students on an individual basis to ensure that they are well-supported prior to the early entry deadline.

Attendance

Attendance has been very good this year, and we have been delighted to launch 'The 99% Club' to celebrate students who have achieved excellent attendance within each term. Whilst we recognise that some absence is unavoidable, we would like to remind you that there is a clear link between high levels of attendance and punctuality and academic progress. All students have a minimum attendance target of 95%, and we value your support in ensuring that all students meet this.





Examination Results

A Level Results' Day takes place on Thursday 17th August. A small number of Year 12 students are expecting exam results for IT on this day, and students are welcome to collect these between 8:00am - 12:00pm from the Music Hall in the main Academy building. Any uncollected results will be left in the Main Reception to be collected by students.

Term Dates

Ful term dates for the 2023-24 academic year can be found on the Toll Bar Sixth Form website under 'Sixth Form Guide', and also on the Waltham Toll Bar Academy website under 'Key Information.' Our current Year 12 students will begin Year 13 on Monday 4 September 2023, and further information on arrangements for the first day back will be confirmed with students via e-mail.

Changes to the Sixth Form Day

As you will have seen from the letter to all families sent on Friday 14 July, the timings of the day will be changing for all students in the new academic year. Any students that have further queries regarding these changes are welcome to approach a member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team to discuss.

End of Term Arrangements

The last day of term for Year 12 students is Friday 21 July 2023. On this day, students will attend periods 1 and 2 as normal, and this will be followed by a Celebration Assembly during period 3. We are looking forward to recognising the many achievements of our students this year, and are exceptionally proud of the ways in which they have exemplified the qualities of Aspiration, Responsibility and Compassion. Following the assembly, students will be provided with a complimentary buffet lunch, and the Sixth Form Day will end at 12:30pm.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for the support you have given to us and the students this year; it has been a pleasure working with you. I wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully

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