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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 End of Year Exams – 16-27 June

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to share some important information regarding the upcoming end-of-year exams for our Year 12 students. These exams are crucial as they will constitute 75% of their UCAS grade, significantly impacting their university applications.

Importance of Attendance and Expert Teachers

Research consistently shows that regular attendance is strongly linked to higher academic performance

Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve their target grades, as they benefit from continuous learning and support from their expert teachers. Missing classes can lead to gaps in knowledge that are difficult to bridge, especially in the critical period leading up to exams.

At Newstead Wood School, we emphasize the importance of being present and engaged in lessons. Our teachers are highly skilled and experienced, providing invaluable guidance and support to help students excel. Their expertise is particularly vital during this period, as they can offer tailored advice and strategies to tackle exam questions effectively.

Impact on UCAS Grades and University Applications

The UCAS grades derived from these exams will play a pivotal role in your child's university applications. Universities use these grades to assess the academic potential of applicants and make admission decisions. Therefore, it is essential that students put forth their best effort in these exams to achieve the grades that reflect their true capabilities.

Newstead Wood School's UCAS Policy

Our UCAS grades policy is designed to ensure that predicted grades are aspirational yet achievable, based on professional judgment and data-driven insights

We aim to provide predictions that motivate students to strive for excellence while maintaining the integrity of the process. It is important to note that these grades are not influenced by external pressures but are determined by the student's performance and potential.

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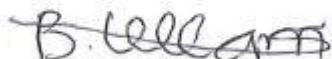
[UCAS Grades Policy.pdf](#)

Supporting Your Child

We encourage you to support your child by ensuring they attend all classes and engage fully with their teachers. Regular attendance and active participation will not only enhance their understanding but also boost their confidence as they approach their exams.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can help our students achieve their best and secure a bright future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Williams', written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Mr B Williams
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