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Dear Families

UCAS Predictions

Year 13 students who are applying to university have been working hard on their UCAS applications since the summer term. Almost all students have now submitted their applications and all those that have completed their applications have already received offers and are now able to focus on securing the grades they need.

Some students have wanted more time to complete their applications and we have adapted timeframes to meet their needs where necessary. We were fortunate to secure the services of our former sixth form administrator, Ms Carroll, to work with the students on submitting their applications and assist our new administrator, Mrs Walsby, on how the process works.

Whilst the vast majority of students were awarded predicted grades in line with the applications they wanted to make, some students found that their performance at AS or summer exams meant they were not able, in the first instance, to secure the predicted grades they wanted. Every school and college has a system to manage the consistency of predicted grades. Our current policy enables teachers to over predict if students are within a quarter of a grade of the grade above.

Some students have special circumstances and have requested we reconsider predicted grades. As such, if students able to evidence they are currently working at the grade they want to be predicted and have put in place an action plan with their teachers to secure the required grade which has been shared with parents we have increased the grade. In addition we have contacted universities and secured offers at the grades the university require even if current predicted grades are below what they are looking for.

Next year we will establish a formal board made up of the Head of School, the Head of Year and myself to consider any special requests to carry out the same work. Whilst the outcome will be the same as this year students and families have told us they would find it helpful to know there is a formal process in place and to understand how it works.

If your son or daughter has not made it known to us that their predicted grades are below their requirements please ask them to speak to me. We are more than happy to apply the same exceptions and make contact with the universities.



I am inviting Sixth Form students to work with me on a focus group to look at this process and other processes in the Sixth Form as we can certainly benefit from their experience and ideas. I also welcome any feedback from families and can be contacted personally on my email address nmeston@teddingtonschool.org.

I am very proud of the way the students are working and am looking forward to the range of social activities we have planned in the run up to Christmas as a vital part of the Sixth Form experience.

Sixth Form students will formally finish this term on Friday 15 December. My best wishes for a peaceful Christmas break.

Yours faithfully

Nicky Meston
Director of Sixth Form