

Ref: CIK/wh

October 2015

Dear Parent/ Carer,

The attached report shows your son's/daughter's predicted grades for A Level which will be used as an indicator of grade potential in any applications made to universities or other institutions this year. Subject teachers have arrived at these projections having taken into consideration prior attainment at GCSE and AS Level and the work produced during the course since the start of Year 12. Please note that, where 'split' grades are indicated (eg A/B), references will use the higher grade as the teacher is indicating that this grade is achievable but by no means guaranteed.

As these grades are used by Admissions Tutors to make offers of places we encourage teachers to err on the positive side where possible. However, it is not appropriate for us to make wildly inaccurate predictions: we have to strike a balance between giving the students the prospect of receiving offers and protecting the integrity of predictions across the Associated Sixth Form (mindful that many universities monitor the reliability of schools' grade predictions).

Please discuss these grade projections with your son/daughter and encourage him/her to use them to make informed decisions about university applications: whilst we encourage students to be ambitious and aspirational it is important that they apply to universities where they have a realistic chance of gaining the results which may be needed to meet any offers.

There will be a further opportunity for you to discuss these projected grades at the Year 13 Parents' Evening at St John Fisher on Thursday 22 October 2015. Meanwhile, if your son/daughter feels that there has been an error with any of the grades, he/she should ask the relevant subject teacher to authenticate the changed grade in writing on the Projected Grade sheet; this must then be handed in to the Sixth Form Office so that an amended sheet may be issued and the correct grade recorded on the reference.

On the reverse of this letter you will also find a list of important dates for this academic year, so that you and your son/daughter are aware of the assessment schedule and other significant events.

If you have any further queries regarding this process, please contact the relevant Senior Tutor or Head of Sixth Form.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Sixth Form (St Aidan's)

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Head of Sixth Form (St John Fisher)

Year 13 2015-16 Important Dates for Students and Parents

Week commencing 5 October	Predicted grades for university applications issued to parents
Friday 16 October	Deadline for UCAS applications
Saturday 17 October	St Aidan's Open Day – student help required 10am – 1pm
Thursday 22 October	Parents' Evening at St John Fisher
Wednesday 16 December	Grade Reviews issued to parents
Friday 22 January	Deadline for GCE and GCSE re-sit entries
Friday 12 February	Deadline for departments to complete 'mock' exams or other key assessments
Friday 18 March	Reports issued to parents
Monday 16 May	Sixth Form exams commence
Friday 27 May	Leavers' Service
Friday 1 July	Leavers' Ball
Thursday 18 August	A Level Results Day