

October 2018

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, the work produced during the course since the start of Year 12 and completed assessments and exams (internal or external). 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 18 October 2018. 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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## Year 13 2018 - 2019 Important Dates for Students and Parents

Friday 14 September:	Deadline for applications to Music Conservatoires
Monday 24 September:	Pastoral Parents' Evening
Thursday 27 September:	Deadline for UCAS applications for Oxbridge, Medicine and Veterinary Science
Week commencing 1 October:	Predicted grades for university applications issued to parents
Saturday 6 October:	St John Fisher Open Day – student help required 11am to 2pm
Saturday 13 October:	St Aidan's Open Day - student help required 10am to 1pm
Thursday 18 October:	Deadline for UCAS applications
Thursday 18 October:	Parents' Evening at St John Fisher
Friday 23 November:	Grade Reviews issued to parents
Tuesday 4 – Tues 18 December:	Year 13 Mock Exams
Friday 14 December:	Deadline for summer exam re-sit entries
Friday 15 February:	Reports issued to parents
Monday 1 April:	Grade Reviews issued to parents
Monday 13 May:	Sixth Form public written exams commence
Thursday 23 May tbc:	Leavers' Service
Friday 28 June:	Leavers' Ball, Pavilions of Harrogate
Thursday 15 August:	Sixth Form Results Day