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Dear Parent

This letter should reach you together with a report sheet which shows the latest information about your son or daughter's projected grades. Also enclosed is a report of Student Attendance Statistics covering the period from 17 September 2018 to 15 March 2019. You should be aware that attendance statistics are often requested for references in future years; if there are any unauthorised absences (code N) which you are able to authorise, please annotate the report and return it to the Attendance Officer at school.

We hope that you find this information helpful: we are keen that parents and students discuss strategies for consolidation and improvement of grades in the remaining weeks of Year 13. In particular, we know that there is a strong correlation between attendance at this stage and final outcomes and we hope that you will encourage your student to attend all timetabled sessions until the end of the course. We have noticed in the past that students who state a preference for independent revision and decide not to attend lessons – sometimes with parental backing – have invariably achieved lower grades than expected. We would therefore urge students to access as much support as possible from their teachers, including where appropriate attendance at the additional teacher-led sessions which are taking place in many subjects. With this in mind, although the Year 13 Leavers' Service and Assembly will take place on Thursday 16 May, timetabled lessons will continue from Friday 17 to Friday 24 May and students should continue to attend unless they are involved in external exams.

May we also take this opportunity to remind parents that we are not able to offer students who are disappointed with their results the opportunity to return to classes next year to repeat courses in order to improve performance. If any student is unsure about future plans at this stage or would like to discuss decisions regarding university offers, please contact the Careers Department to make an appointment; parents are welcome to attend such appointments with students.

Finally, please be aware that students are required to wear smart, business-like dress throughout the examination period and study leave, including in the exams themselves and that **student lanyards and ID cards are required for identification in all public examinations**. We do not wish students to be distracted by these requirements when they arrive for exams so any concerns about lost ID cards and lanyards should be resolved as a matter of urgency.

Thank you for your support throughout the past two academic years; we look forward to working with you and your student in the remaining weeks in pursuit of the best possible results at the end of their courses.

Yours faithfully



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