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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

As your child approaches the end of their second full term at Urmston Grammar Sixth Form I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on past and future events along with expectations for the summer term.

This week, following a three-week reintegration to 'in-school learning', students have taken a set of mock exams assessing their progress in their chosen A Level subjects. The data gathered will be used to review the progress of the students as they work towards their Summer examinations. The Spring tests enable the teaching staff to identify any difficulties and to help students to develop strategies to improve their examination performance.

Year 12 Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 28th April 2021**, this will be on the school cloud system. All students are expected to attend with their parent/guardian(s) wherever possible; the purpose is to review the progress of your child after their first two terms of A Level study. Despite the disruptions our Year 12 students have faced, they have still settled into the sixth form well.

Students have taken part in two mentoring weeks and next term they will see the continuation of our post-18 options programme where they will be attending the UCAS Convention on the **5th and 6th May 2021**. This year this will be online with a range of interactive sessions for the students to work through with the help and supervision of staff. A 'Post-18 Options' talk for parents will be made available to access next term, this will include information on university and apprenticeship applications, along with entering the world of work and the best use of a Gap Year.

As part of our healthy lifestyles and positive mindset programme, students have been working through our new PSE scheme of work and their A Level mindset books. On **Wednesday 21st April 2021** they will be attending the 'Safe Drive : Stay Alive' event virtually, this again will be supervised by staff.

At Urmston Grammar we provide a high level of guidance and support, through Form Tutors, Subject Teachers and Mentors. Year 12 students have already had their first two one-to-one mentoring sessions. This enables students to receive tailored feedback and advice on how to approach their studies, overcome challenges, and reach their full academic potential. Their next mentoring session will shift towards making post-18 plans and will include discussion of university applications, apprenticeship opportunities and other alternative pathways beyond the sixth form. It is important that all students are aware that should they require individual support beyond their mentoring sessions, members of the sixth form pastoral team, as well as the school careers advisor, are always on hand to offer advice and guidance.

Reminders

Attendance

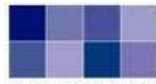
If your child has an appointment or falls ill whilst at school, they must see a member of the Sixth Form Team to authorise their absence. Permission slips are available outside Mrs Plano's office that must be completed. If your child is not able to attend school due to illness please alert the attendance officer by phone or at attendance@urmstongrammar.org.uk.



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Dress Code – A professional approach to study

Following the Easter break students will be expected to adhere to the sixth form dress code; earlier in the year this was eased to allow for additional layers whilst classrooms were kept ventilated during the winter months.

Urmston Grammar Sixth Form aspires to ensure each student achieves academic excellence and is equipped with the tools and skills needed to be successful in the professional workplace. Our dress code reflects this and is designed to allow each student to show their personal style and individuality whilst maintaining high standards in personal appearance.

Students are expected to wear smart, business-like clothing and footwear whilst in school. As there is a significant amount of freedom within this remit additional guidance has been provided as follows:

- All students should wear a jacket or blazer around school;
- Student ID cards will be provided and must always be worn. This is an important safeguarding measure, but also the means by which students sign in and out of the building;
- Students typically wear either a suit or tailored trousers/skirt and jacket;
- Shirts may be plain or patterned, long or short sleeved, and though ties are encouraged, they are optional;
- Skirts must be formal-cut and not too short. Tight fitting lycra/stretch skirts are not appropriate;
- Footwear must be formal/business-like;
- Headwear must not be worn within school, unless for religious reasons;
- Hair colour should look natural;
- Only discrete piercings are allowed in sixth form;
- Students should not wear outdoor coats whilst in the school building.

I would like to wish you the very best for the Easter break, should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Miss A J Lingwood
Head of Sixth Form



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