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Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Year 13 Progress Check

Students have now been provided with their final progress report of the year from teaching staff. Taking into account their mock exam performance, it contains their current estimated grade; this is the grade that staff feel they would receive in the summer if they continue to work at their current performance and with a similar approach. With approximately 10 teaching weeks, February half term and the Easter holidays before the examinations, there is still time for students to improve significantly on their estimated grade.

The students continue to be supported in lessons and assessed fortnightly in the assessment centre so that they are well prepared for the summer. In addition to their allocated lessons and assessment time the students should be spending between four to six hours per subject per week of additional study; consolidating notes, revising and completing past examination questions. This should be completed during the week, either in study periods, or at home on an evening. Students should also look to make additional use of time at the weekend (although it is of course important that they take time to rest and relax too). Students who fail to prepare well now, tend to perform poorly in the summer which will impact on their chances of reaching their preferred destination. It is often advisable at this point of the year for students to consider reducing their hours of paid employment to ensure they can manage the demands of their studies.

There are a full range of revision materials available to students in the Sixth Form study areas, which are open from 8 am – 6 pm. Furthermore, there is a comprehensive programme of intervention sessions that run in the morning, at lunch and from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm, offering opportunity for students to consolidate key aspects of the course with A Level specialists. Students should attend as many of these as possible. I will send a copy of the sessions available in a separate email.

Your child should, by now, have put a full study plan in place to support them in managing their revision. If they need support with this then they can approach the Sixth Form team or their tutor at any time, and we will assist them in developing a plan. If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact either me or the subject teachers directly to discuss matters.

If your child has applied for university, they will be nearing the time where you can apply for student finance. Usually this opens at the end of February / start of March. The application is done online through Student Finance England. The student



completes part of the application and then parents receive a link to be able to complete part of it too. To help with this process I will host a short meeting, for parents who are unfamiliar with the student finance process, regarding applications for student finance on Thursday 26 February at 6 pm in East Hall.

On Thursday 26 February, I will also be available from 4.30 pm until 6 pm for any parent who would like an opportunity to discuss potential destinations for any student who is currently unsure about what to do next. If you would like to meet during this time, please contact me through the following email address: darren.andrews@driffieldschool.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Andrews', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr D Andrews
Head of Sixth Form