11 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12

As we come to the end of our first week back in school after Christmas I would like to wish you a Happy New Year from all of us at Enfield County Sixth Form.

In our assembly on Tuesday morning, I spoke to Year 12 about the importance of this calendar year. By the end of 2024, the majority of our Year 12 students will have made hugely important decisions about what they want to pursue after they finish their studies with us at Enfield County. Right now, things like university and apprenticeship applications, predicted grades, school references and entrance exams understandably represent a daunting prospect for many of our students and their parents, and might seem a long way off. The reality, however, is that our Year 12s need to start thinking about life beyond Enfield County sooner rather than later, in order to ensure they are making informed and considered decisions about their future this year, so that this time next year – in 2025 – they need only focus solely on their final summer exams.

For our Level 2 students, 2024 will mark the transition into Level 3 from September, provided they are able to succeed in their Level 2 exams this summer. Those taking re-sit exams in English Language and Maths need to make sure they are focused on passing these exams in the summer, so they can avoid taking these into the next academic year.

In our assembly, I provided Year 12 with a snapshot of what is to come in 2024, and I wanted to also share this with you so that you can also support your daughter through this important time.

January	Form tutor reviews from Pre-Public Exams (PPE) #1
	Start of Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
February	PPE #2 (19 – 23 February)
March	Reports home and form tutor reviews from PPE #2
April	Y12 Progress Evening (online via SchoolCloud) – Thursday 28 April
May/June	Level 2 exams begin (inc. Maths / English GCSE resits)
June	Level 3 BTEC exams begin (Health and Social Care)
	PPE #3 (17 – 21 June TBC)
	Enfield County Progression Programme (24 – 28 June TBC)
	Trip to University Careers Fair (21 June)
	Start of UCAS Applications
July	Form tutor reviews from PPE #3 – initial predicted UCAS grades determined
September	Start of Year 13
	Early applicant assessments
October	Deadline for early UCAS applications (Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, etc.)
	PPE #4 (28 October - 1 November TBC)
November	Form tutor reviews from PPE #4
	Form tutor references and final UCAS predicted grades
	Submission and presentation of EPQ
December	Submission of UCAS and apprenticeship applications
July September October November	Level 3 BTEC exams begin (Health and Social Care) PPE #3 (17 – 21 June TBC) Enfield County Progression Programme (24 – 28 June TBC) Trip to University Careers Fair (21 June) Start of UCAS Applications Form tutor reviews from PPE #3 – initial predicted UCAS grades determined Start of Year 13 Early applicant assessments Deadline for early UCAS applications (Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, etc.) PPE #4 (28 October - 1 November TBC) Form tutor reviews from PPE #4 Form tutor references and final UCAS predicted grades Submission and presentation of EPQ

This is not an exhaustive list of everything that we will be doing this year, but I hope it will give you an idea of some of the key milestones and deadlines which form the backbone of the year ahead.

Finally, I reminded the year group of the importance of getting the basics right (consistently excellent attendance and punctuality to lessons, form times and assemblies), of preparing diligently for their PPEs (revising regularly, effectively and purposefully), and of the need to start thinking now about what they might want to do after leaving school. This can, and should, include the following:

- Thinking about what subjects (e.g. Biology), topics (e.g. occupational therapy; metaphysical poetry) or activities (e.g. public speaking; working with others; problem-solving) they <u>enjoy</u> doing
- Researching Higher Educations courses, universities and degree apprenticeship schemes
- Attending university Open Days (these run throughout the year)
- Discussing possible course and career options with the Post-16 team
- Speaking to the National Careers Service
- Seeking work experience / placement / shadowing opportunities
- Reading up on UCAS applications, UCAS offers and tariffs and how the system works
- Looking into bursary options and contextual offers

At Enfield County Sixth Form we are here to help and support your daughter to navigate the various challenges that this year will bring, and I would like to thank you for continuing to support your daughter's progress throughout.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, either via the Post-16 email address (post16@enfieldcs.enfield.sch.uk) or by calling the school directly.

With best wishes

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