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Our ref: ELO/sit

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: UCAS Update

I am writing to update you on how we are supporting your young person in their next steps after Sixth Form. I am aware that not all students will go on to further education, however we are asking all students to complete a personal statement on UNIFROG. This ensures that if they change their mind on results day, we have a skeleton personal statement to work with and send to universities.

Personal Statements

All students spent the summer writing their first full personal statement drafts after receiving feedback from the sixth form team. Sixth Form tutors are now in the process of reading each statement and providing detailed feedback. Tutors will provide this by October half term. Students will have time within their Enrichment sessions to then act upon this feedback on UNIFROG. The personal statement is a working document; therefore, students can act upon feedback as soon as they receive it.

Students will then be allocated a second checker, Ms Hogan, Mrs Phillips or Mrs Owen who will provide their final round of feedback at the end of November/ beginning of December. Students will then need to act upon this feedback in their Enrichment lessons.

Predicted Grades & Uni Choices

Students will be given their official UCAS predicted grades after the November mock examinations, however, can use their summer grades as a guide to help make their five university choices. Tutors are currently guiding them to ensure they have an aspirational choice of university, two safe options which are in line with their grades and then two back up options.

We are doing everything that we can to help and guide your young person, please do support and ask them about this process as it can be overwhelming. There is lots of information online for parents which can be found here: Parent, Guardian and Carer Guide **UCAS**

Please do let us know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs E Owen

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