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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 13 - Spring Term Information and Reminders

Firstly, can I wish you all a Merry Christmas and I hope that you all get to spend some valuable time with friends and family over the break.

On their return to school, students will be informed that study spaces in the sixth form will be monitored more carefully, and they should use these to their advantage in order to successfully prepare themselves for the summer examinations. The common room will remain a communal area to meet and work in groups. The computer room will be for those that are working but do not need a silent space. Anyone not working in this room will be asked to move into the common room. The library remains a silent working space and students should aim to use some of their private study time working in this space in order to effectively consolidate the work they have completed in lesson time.

We are continuing to reinstate the desired ethos across the year groups and will be encouraging a greater work ethic during the private study periods. It is suggested that six hours of additional study should be completed across a fortnight for each subject taken and the more study completed in school time, the more effective the use of this time. Subject staff will ensure that everyone is aware of where additional resources can be found to support and build on class work so all will have activities that they can be completing outside the lesson. The I drive can be accessed from home and this has a wealth of resources on it for every subject.

Students will be encouraged to continue to think about their next steps; Unifrog has some excellent resources which allow them to look beyond their specifications and there are a range of free online courses that may be relevant to their potential career path in the future. All of the activities they complete can be recorded on the Activities Log section of Unifrog. UCAS has an excellent careers quiz that can be completed if they are unsure of their next steps; this can be found here: <https://www.ucas.com/explore/career-compass>. FutureLearn also offers a plethora of free online courses that may be of interest; <https://www.futurelearn.com/>. Apprenticeship support will be offered during the spring term for those that may still need to start their applications and a list of the current apprenticeships available was emailed last week and will continue to be on a monthly basis once they are available

Be The Best You Can Be

I also remind you that hoodies are not on the dress code and these should not be worn to school at any time. Students should wear a v-neck jumper and a coat if they want an additional layer.

Thank you for your continued support, and enjoy the Christmas break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Howells". The letter 'S' is large and stylized, with a loop at the top. The word "Howells" is written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Howells
Head of Sixth Form and Assistant Headteacher