

8th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 12 End of Year Report**

I hope you and your family are well. The purpose of this letter is to share with you your son/daughter's end of year report and also share one or two key bits of information about the end of this term and the beginning of next. Many of you will have heard that I will be going part time next year and will be handing over the Sixth Form reins to Mr Morris in September. It has been both an honour and a pleasure to be Director of Sixth Form at Budmouth over the last thirteen years and I would like to thank all parents, staff and students for the parts they have played in making the Budmouth Sixth Form community what it has been. I look forward to seeing the Sixth Form go from strength to strength under Mr Morris' leadership.

You will see on the end of year report there is a summer assessment grade, a working at grade, a predicted grade and an effort grade for your son/daughter in each subject. This report also contains a written comment from your son/daughter's Tutor that provides some feedback on their progress across the year and their contribution to school life.

We encourage you to discuss this report with your son/daughter to help them prioritise the key areas for improvement. Please note that the **predicted grade** represents what teachers believe a student might achieve if they maintain their current levels of effort and progress until the end of the course. The **working at grade** is the level that the student is achieving and is based on their most recent assessments alongside an overview of the student's classwork and homework. The descriptors for the **effort** grades are listed at the end of this letter.

### **Information for next term**

- **GCSE retake results** are available Thursday 25 August. If any parent or student wants to touch base with the Sixth Form Team someone will be in the Hub Avenue on Thursday and also on Friday 26 August from 9.00 – 12 noon.
- **Sixth Form Registration Day is on Friday 2 September.** Only Year 13 and 14 students who have been invited, or who wish to change something about their programme of study, need to attend Registration Day; they should go to the Hub Cafe Avenue at 11.15am to register. Year 13 and 14 students are all expected to be in on **Monday 5 September**, when lessons begin.
- **Bursary payments:** If you are currently receiving the Bursary you do not need to apply however you will need to get your parent/carer to sign a declaration to say that their circumstances have not changed. If you think you may be entitled to Bursary Payments, Free School Meals or both, please email Mrs Cockings or Miss Andow for a form to make an application.
- **Next Step:** After our Next Step day on Friday 8th July, there will be a real focus on completing Personal Statements for either UCAS or other types of application. This will continue during September and October in Year 13. Remember the deadline for Oxbridge and Medical Applications is 15 October and Budmouth's deadline for other applications is Monday 1 November (just after half term).

- I hope students will continue to take up opportunities which will enhance applications throughout this summer! The introduction of a Next Step Google Classroom and Unifrog has had a very positive impact this year; please encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of the opportunities both provide.
- On behalf of the student's own Union Executive, can I make a plea for all students to pay their enrichment contribution of £10 if they did not pay last year. The money is used by the Student Union to organise events, in particular the Leavers' Dinner. Year 13s can be reassured that their contribution will be recouped in a reduced price of their Leavers' Dinner ticket at the end of the year, if they have paid their contribution at the start of the year! This year payments are made via Pay360.
- **The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).** There will be an opportunity to study for an EPQ in Year 13 next year. The qualification comes highly recommended by top universities and is the equivalent of an AS Level (or half an A Level). Those students interested should let Mrs Sheppard know as soon as possible.

## Improving Standards

**A huge part of success at Sixth Form level comes from students valuing independent study time and time spent in lessons equally.**

Over any given period, students should be trying to at least match the numbers of hours they spend in lessons with time spent studying independently. A Levels are designed to be studied in this way, but unfortunately some students, even at the end of Year 12, are still tempted to see time free from lessons as an opportunity to be doing something else rather than study.

It is important to remember that Covid-19 has led to students having less supervised study time than would normally be the case. Once the new Sixth Form Block is ready (building works are well underway) it is vital that all Sixth Form students use the new study space productively, especially in the mornings. Importantly, tutor time is between 8.30 – 8.50am. Notices, Assemblies and our Tutor Curriculum will be delivered in this period and we expect all students to be there. There is no AED for most Year 13s in its place students will be expected to study independently onsite.

We encourage both students and parents/carers to continue to let us know if a student is likely to be away, but it is important to note that the 95% attendance threshold we expect includes illnesses and foreseeable absences not associated with college life. Therefore, texts and letters will be sent home even if the school is aware of the reason for any absence. Please emphasise to your son/daughter that good attendance is proof of reliability and is the first thing employers ask us for when seeking references.

Finally, I would like to wish all students an enjoyable, productive summer. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or any other member of the Sixth Form team.

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### **End of Year Report - Effort Grade Criteria**

Grade 1	Outstanding commitment given to their learning. Always tries hard and perseveres when the challenge and work difficulty increases. Work set through Google Classroom or paper based work is always completed and goes well beyond the minimum that is expected. Shows a genuine interest in the subject and independently researches work and asks questions. Always well organised and prepared to learn.
Grade 2	Shows a good attitude to their learning. Work set through Google Classroom or paper based work is always completed and meets the standards expected for them. They are well organised and give high levels of effort to their learning and generally approach challenging tasks positively.
Grade 3	Their attitude to learning is inconsistent. They do not always give their best effort to learning tasks. Work set through Google Classroom or paper based work, whilst usually completed, is often not at the standard that would be expected for them or is often late. They are not always well organised.
Grade 4	Does not display a good attitude to their learning. Work set through Google Classroom or paper based work is rarely completed on time and is often not at the expected standard for them. Shows little interest in the subject and does not seek to learn independently or ask questions. Organisation is often poor.