



## *Year 12 Information Evening Cancelled End of Year Exams/UCAS Predicted Grades*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to update you regarding the planned Year 12 Sixth Form Information Evening on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025. As we have received very few questions, it seems that families already feel well-informed. **Therefore, we have decided to cancel the event.**

We would however, like to take this opportunity to share the below.

The Year 12 end of exams will take place from **16th June until 27th June**, with some practical exams such as Art taking place the week before.

Should your child wish to attend University following Year 13, then the school will be required to enter UCAS predictions for each student.

### **UCAS Predictions – How They Are Determined**

For students applying to UK universities through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Services), predicted grades play a crucial role. Here's how they are determined:

- **Based on exam results:** Predictions will be primarily based on upcoming exams, which assess a broader range of content than class tests or assignments.
- **Holistic approach:** Assignments and previous work may be considered, but exams carry more weight.
- **Departmental review:** Each department discusses and finalises predictions to ensure fairness and accuracy.
- **Aspirational yet realistic:** Teachers predict grades based on a student's **best possible performance on a good day** while maintaining realism.

### **Opportunities to Improve Predicted Grades**

- **Non-early entrants** (most students) may be able to improve their grades by up to two grades in specific subjects. Criteria for this will be shared after the July exams by the individual subject departments.
- **Early entrants** (Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Oxbridge applicants) **cannot** improve grades due to the tight timeline. These students should focus on admissions exams and Year 13 content.

### **Key Takeaways**

- Students should work hard in their exams to secure the best possible grades.
- Predicted grades are determined by experienced teachers who aim to be fair yet aspirational.
- I will be addressing students in an assembly soon to reinforce the importance of these exams.

We appreciate your trust in our process and encourage students to focus on their studies.

### **University Open Days**

We encourage students to start exploring university Open Days now to avoid conflicts with school exams later. Attending these events early can also help them decide whether they prefer a campus-style or city-based university. You can find Open Day listings at the following link:

[University Open Days](#)

If you have any questions, or any specific queries, please feel free to contact us at [sixthform@beaconsfieldhigh.school](mailto:sixthform@beaconsfieldhigh.school) and we will ensure your query reaches the relevant staff member.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

Yours faithfully,

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