



HEDINGHAM SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

ACHIEVEMENT & EXCELLENCE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 13 Information

As your son/daughter begins the final year towards their A level examinations, I felt it important that you are fully aware of what is ahead this term and how we intend to best support your child in their learning and progress. A clarity about the journey students undertake in Year 13 is vital, so to be able to best support your child, as well as alleviate any concerns that you may have during this stressful year.

Key Dates

Friday 13 September	Year 13 assembly which highlights the road ahead this term.
Thursday 26 September	Parents' Information Evening - 5.30 – 6.15 pm
Tuesday 15 October	Oxbridge/Medical/Veterinary UCAS deadline
Thursday 24 October	Year 13 parents evening. A really important opportunity to discuss your child's progress with teachers and unpick potential barriers to progress. Subject specific advice will be given on best next steps.
w/c 2 December	Year 13 Mock Examination Week. Students will have a formal examination week, sitting GCSE papers in all subjects in examination conditions. They should be preparing for this well in advance using revision tools to consolidate Year 12 knowledge.

In School Support

- Time during PD sessions dedicated to revision so students can have an extra 30 minutes of Independent Study every morning.
- Sixth Form is open to all year 13 students from 8am till 4.30pm
- Support with UCAS and apprenticeship applications
- 1:1 mentoring program with tutors
- Revision resources provided for year 13 students within the sixth form area
- Extra-curricular revision sessions will operate in most subjects. We will publish in writing a timetable of all subjects' revision on offer as well as highlighting on our website.
- We operate a staff mentoring strategy for individuals who are significantly underachieving across a number of subjects. As it is a 1:1 strategy, there is a limited capacity for this. Focus students will be spoken to by their tutor. This will begin in the next two weeks.
- We will use Personal Development Time to promote effective revision techniques and allow opportunities for personal revision time.

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We are planning to host a parental information evening to outline details of what Year 13 entails and how we plan to best support your child through this challenging year.

We will provide details of key events leading up to Christmas as well as how to support from home. If you wish to attend this evening, please complete the electronic form via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/BEmzDGanjt>

Yours sincerely

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