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Mb/20-21/letter to applicants to Sixth Form Apr20

Dear Applicants to St John's Sixth Form and Parents

I am writing to you to discuss ways you can prepare for your new Sixth Form courses in September. Whilst we are still unsure exactly what form the exam grades will take and how this will affect Sixth Form applications, we can be proactive in preparing for the future.

On 20th April our summer preparation work will go live on the St John's website. For each Sixth Form subject, both A levels and Applied courses, there will be around 20 hours of work which will need to be completed before the start of term. This work will help students keep academically active, help to ensure they have made the right Sixth Form choices and help prepare them for the year ahead. It is **compulsory** that all students wishing to take up a place in the Sixth Form complete this work for all their courses. The work can be found at :

<https://www.stjohns.excalibur.org.uk/sixth-form/rising-year-12-summer-homework/> For current St John's students it will also be on SharePoint, with a button to link to it from the Quick Links on the [Sixth Form home page](#).

We have also included with this letter a list of all the exam boards for the Sixth Form courses. Students can use these to access the specifications for their chosen courses. The specifications will give information about the course, assessment examples and may give additional reading suggestions. In addition to this work there are also lots of ideas in the Sixth Form bulletin about how to stretch students. Of particular interest are some of the Future Learn courses. These courses are run by universities and many are free. For any students thinking about taking an Extended Project Qualification, the University of Bath have a 'preparing for EPQ course' at <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/epq-success>.

The summer is also an excellent time to read ahead and read around the courses students will be taking next year. The summer preparation work may suggest some books to read but, if not, please do get in touch with your teachers and ask for suggestions. Audible has made many books free whilst the schools are closed.

We will write to you again as soon as we have more information about exam grades and admission to the Sixth Form. Please use this opportunity of time at home to show us what you can do, what you are capable of and how much you want to study your subjects in the Sixth Form. Stay safe and keep well.

Yours sincerely

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