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Dear Parents and Carers

Information for Year 13 students, parents and carers

I am writing to advise you of some important information regarding Y13 students.

Firstly, you will have received your son/daughter's report this week. The report contains important information about the grade we think they are most likely to achieve in the summer exams (MLO), their mock grade and our UCAS predictions. UCAS predictions are sometimes higher than our MLO but students should be guided by their MLO when making university choices. If a student is unhappy with their UCAS prediction and wishes to complete extra work over the next month to improve it, they should discuss this with their subject teachers. Teachers can only move a grade up if they have the evidence to support this through timed, assessed work.

Following analysis of the Y13 data collected for the October report and from the mock exams, we have decided to offer intervention for students who may benefit from a little extra support. This intervention will be in two ways:

- Mentor support. Students may be offered a mentor to support them through the next few terms. They will meet with their mentor every two weeks to discuss progress. Mentors may support them with subjects, organisation or anxiety. We will ask all mentors to make appointments to meet with students on or by the 13 November (these may be virtual or in school).
- Subject support. Teachers may invite students into school on November 13 (this is a Teacher Training day) for additional support. Subject teachers will let students know if they are required in school and when.

Many of the students in Y13 have been working very hard, have an excellent attendance record and are up to date with all their work. As they have clearly demonstrated they are capable of independent working students may work at home during their private study periods if they fulfil the following criteria:

- Minimum of 95% attendance
- On track to achieve their target grades
- Completed either their UCAS personal statement online OR a CV and covering letter

Students who think they qualify for this can collect a home study agreement form from their tutor. The form must be signed by parents to show you agree to them working at home for the additional 6 periods a week. Students who are given home study privileges may of course **choose** to remain in school and work in the study room, sixth form library or study areas. The school reserves the right to withdraw home study arrangements if a student falls behind with their work. If there are



extenuating circumstances, explaining your son/ daughter's low attendance, please contact Mrs Joyce or Miss Chamberlin-Medd to discuss.

Finally, many parents would like the opportunity to ask us questions about Y13. This may be to do with the planned summer exam series, university applications or general questions about Y13. If you have questions not related to a specific subject, please email them to vchamberlin-medd@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk by Monday 9 November. Mrs Joyce and I will then make a short video answering as many questions as we are able which will be available for the virtual parents' evening on 12 November. If you have specific subject questions, please discuss these with your child's teacher at parents' evening. Details about how to make virtual appointments for this will be published shortly.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Hain'.

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