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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 12 students

**RE: Year 12 Higher Education Evening, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**and**

**RE: Year 12 AS Level Examination Leave arrangements, Summer 2018**

We are pleased to invite you to a Higher Education Evening on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm in the School Hall. Our main speaker, from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), will be giving a presentation on the following topics:

- the UCAS System & the Applicant Journey
- how to make a successful application
- how parents can support their children through the UCAS application process

The Cotswold School Sixth Form Leadership Team will also outline the guidance and support we give to our students, including the internal systems we have in place. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions. The Evening will finish by 7.20pm.

The event is not only for parents who are new to UCAS, but also parents who are more familiar with the process, as things change each year. We are encouraging all Year 12 students to attend too. **We hope that all parents will be able to attend and we request that you complete and return the reply slip by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February to let us know how many seats you will require.**

I am also writing to inform you of arrangements for Year 12 examination leave this summer: **Year 12 students following AS/A level courses will be given examination leave from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, inclusive.** For students following *vocational* courses, lessons will continue as normal throughout this period. Students on a combination of AS/A levels *and* vocational courses should speak with me or Mr Sweetlove to agree an appropriate amount of examination leave.

Students are welcome to come into school during examination leave to revise on days when they do not have an examination. If your son/daughter wishes to do this they must sign in and out at Sixth Form Reception so that we have an accurate record of who is on site. If students decide to study in school it is expected that they do this in an appropriate way using the facilities provided. Teachers will usually be available for students to see during their normal timetabled lessons, should they have any queries that may arise during the course of their revision.

**All Year 12 students are expected back into school after examination leave at 8.50am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, when A level courses will resume.** It is expected that all students will continue with *all* of



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their Year 12 option subjects until the end of the academic year. This is to allow them a full and considered choice over their Year 13 curriculum once they receive their AS results on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

Students will be given a personalised examination timetable for the Summer 2018 examinations before the end of the Spring Term. The vast majority of students finish their AS examinations on or before Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The exceptions to this are students who are taking Computer Science or French, whose final examination is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Should they wish to, these students will be permitted to study at home on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

And finally, a reminder that *all* Year 12 students following AS/A level courses at The Cotswold School will be entered for AS examinations in all of their subjects this summer. The results they achieve in their AS levels will have a significant bearing on their UCAS predicted grades (if they are applying to universities). Students and parents are reminded that a minimum of grade D at AS level is needed in order to progress to Year 13 in that subject. For all linear AS/A level courses, the AS results will *not* contribute to the final A level mark, and resitting of individual examination papers is not permitted.

If you have any questions about the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



**Mr P White**

**Deputy Principal, Head of Sixth Form**

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**REPLY SLIP: Year 12 Higher Education Evening, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

NAME OF STUDENT: ..... Tutor Group: .....

I am able to attend the Higher Education Evening at 6.00pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats.

**PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP TO MRS TANNER**