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Dear Parent/Carer

I apologise for the length of this letter – it contains important information.

Students who have missed Mock exams

Some students have not taken all their Mock exam papers. We are running two further sessions, on Tuesday 22 January and Wednesday 23 January after school to allow them to catch up. We will not be able to tell you their predicted grades if they don't. If your child needs to complete exam papers on these days, we will text you to let you know this is so. This information, and an assigned day (s) will be posted on the sixth form study area noticeboard to confirm.

Year 13 Parents' Evening: Wednesday 13 February 2019

You are invited to our Year 13 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 13 February which will run from 3:45pm to 6:45pm.

We expect all parents/carers to attend. This is a vital learning discussion prior to their final exams in the summer. At the Parents' Evening, we will give you your child's Mock Exam results along with their latest predictions, and discuss ways in which you can support your child to achieve their true potential. Please bring your child with you.

The school uses an online appointment booking system which is part of our INSIGHT software. A short guide on how to choose the appointment times you prefer is available to view on the INSIGHT website. We sent your user ID and password at the start of the year, and the link to the website is on the main Tallis webpage, which is www.thomastallischool.com. If you have yet to log in to INSIGHT at all, you will find another copy of your login details in this very letter. If you have trouble with this online system, please email Mr Odd (sodd@thomastallis.org.uk) and he will help you.

The school uses INSIGHT, our online parental engagement system, to book appointments. INSIGHT can be accessed here <https://insight.thomastallis.org.uk>. There is a guide for booking appointments on the page (found in the "General" menu). Please Note: you will only be able to book appointments for Parents Evening using a Parent account (students access INSIGHT using their own account). If you have not logged in before, you should have a letter attached containing your login credentials. If you do not receive a letter and cannot access the system, please contact Ms. James (ajames@thomastallis.org.uk) who will help you reset your password.

Appointments for the 13 February Parents' Evening can be booked online from 9.00 a.m. on 21 January until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday 13 February.

Please be advised that there is no parking onsite (except for disabled parking). *Please also remember to print out or make a note of your appointments when you make them:* INSIGHT does not send reminders or appointment lists.

Acting on your child's mock results

Students who have underperformed in one subject will be spoken with by their subject teachers. Students who have underperformed in two or more subjects will have an Academic Review meeting on Wednesday 7 February during the Tutorial hour with the Sixth Form Team which will set targets and actions for improvement. We will write home with these so that you can be very clear about our advice to your child concerning how to improve.

Attendance

Attending all sessions is crucial to your child's progress. If we have concerns we will place them on tutor report with no B's. If they do not improve whilst on this they will come on report to us as their heads of year. All students attendance should be 95%, or above. This information is all on Insight.

Attendance to all assemblies is also crucial and these will continue to happen every Tuesday at 3.05pm in the main hall. This is also the case with Tutorial which takes place at 2.00pm every Wednesday Week A. Student Voice meetings take place every Monday Week B in the internet café at 8.30am and all students are welcome.

Post 16 Progression

UCAS- Your child may have received already all of their offers. Please remind them NOT to reply as we want them to get the best advice we will be running after school sessions next term to assist with this replying process as well as the student finance process.

World of works applications- For students applying to jobs and apprenticeships and considering a range of options there will be one to one meetings beginning in the last week of January with our career's advisor. Students/parents will be sent an e-mail and text regarding the time, date and place. Their tutors will also be aware.

Art college applications- several students already have offers. Congratulations to them all. Many deadlines are very soon at the end of January and our art college advisor is continuing to meet with these applicants every Thursday. **Mr Sam Kiff has advised students applying to art college, for foundation courses, to apply to at least three different colleges.** Please make sure your child is attending these vital after school sessions to get the bespoke support needed.

Tallis Graduation ceremony, Friday 28 June

We must end on a non-January note! Hence, another reminder that this joyous occasion takes place on Friday 28 June at 6.30pm. Please book this in your diary now.

There is also a student party, organised by Student Voice, they will confirm a date this term but this is looking like it will be the following week to the event above. We will text all students and parents once this is confirmed.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely



Fiona Lumsden
Head of Year 13