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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 12

We do hope the mocks have gone smoothly. This letter is about our compulsory Progression Week which runs this year between the 12 and 16 July, and begins the process of applying to university, to Art College, to Performing Art Courses, or to the world of work. This letter is to tell you what your child should expect, and to clarify with you that they must attend.

Students must be in their tutor rooms no later than 8.40am on each day during progression week. There are no Bs during Tues/Wed/Thurs of Progression Week.

Monday 12 July: Extended Reading

Lessons take place as timetabled. Within their normal lessons, students will be encouraged by their teachers to engage with further reading around their subject areas. These reading lists are also available on tallispost16.com, on the students/reading and research lists pulldown.

Tuesday 13 July: Workshops

Students will be in workshops all day, learning about the range of options they have at the end of Year 13.

Wednesday 14 July: University Workshops

Workshops run by staff and ambassadors from the University of Bristol and UEA, who will introduce Year 13 students to the range of university choices that they have. 95% of Tallis students make a university application and we want all students to make an informed choice, even if they opt not to apply.

Thursday 15 July: UCAS sign on + Personal Statement writing + Workshops Students will be shown how to register with the UCAS university application system and introduced to the Personal Statement and what it requires. *Your child will need to know their GCSE grades and exam boards.* If their chosen route is university, they will then spend the day with their tutor working on their first draft of their statement. There will also be workshops for those who wish to apply to Art College, performing arts courses and apprenticeships or employment.

PLEASE NOTE: Students thinking of making an application with an early deadline (to Oxford or Cambridge, or for medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine) must see Ms McGowan during period 1 in the Private Study area on this day. If they do not do so, it may not be possible for us to support such an application.

Friday 16 July: Revisiting Extended Reading

Lessons take place as timetabled. As on Monday, within their normal lessons, students will be encouraged by their teachers to engage with further reading around their subject areas.

Parental Meeting during Progression Week

There will be a virtual meeting for parents (students are of course welcome to log-on as well) on Tuesday 13th July between 6 and 7.00 p.m. which will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you have about the Progression process at Tallis. *We will share a link for this on-line event nearer the time.* We will keep careful track of student attendance during the week. Any student who does not attend all sessions will not be dealt with as a priority in the new academic year. Last year this meant that we were unable to give such students attention until February, well after all application deadlines. Please discuss this with your child.

Dates for your Diary

15 July: all students must have a completed draft of a Personal Statement

25 September: final draft of Personal Statement is due.

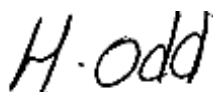
15 October: Early application deadline your child must have completed their application at least a week before this so that we can process it.

11 December: School UCAS application deadline.

All key information is contained in our Progression Booklet. Your child will receive a hard copy during Progression Week; a digital copy can be found on our website at <https://www.tallispost16.com/progression-booklet-2021.html> Please familiarise yourself with it.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely



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