



14 June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 12

We are running our compulsory Progression Week this year from the 8th-12th July. This begins the process of applying to university, to Art College, 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**.

Monday 8th July: Extended Reading within lessons

Within their normal lessons, students will be encouraged by their teachers to engage with further reading around their subject areas. These reading lists are available on the tallispost16.com

Tuesday 9th July: Workshops

Students will be in workshops all day in school on the Tuesday, learning about the range of options they have at the end of Year 13. The timetable for Tuesday's workshops is attached to this letter.

Wednesday 10 July: University and Arts College Visits

Students will be allocated a university/ arts college/work visit from a range of institutions. Your child's tutor will explain to them where they are going.

Students will need:

- Photography walk or Chelsea visit – bring a packed lunch. Travel by train, tickets already organised by the school
- Essex, Kent, Sussex – to bring a packed lunch or money for lunch. The journey will be by coach.
- **All permission slips must be returned to Ms James in the sixth form admin office with emergency contact details and any allergies/ medical needs.**

Meeting Times:

- Sussex: Students are to meet Mr Wilks at 8am in the canteen
- Kent: Students are to meet Mr Bradshaw at 8am on the concourse outside reception
- Essex: Students to meet Ms Astill at 8am in the internet cafe
- **East London photography walk/Chelsea:** Students are to meet Mr Kiff at 9.00 on the art corridor, outside 0106

Previous students have found these visits really useful, whether they are considering university or not, and say they let them make really informed choices in Year 13. In some cases contacts made with certain universities during the week have resulted in students being made lower offers.

Thursday 11 July: UCAS sign on, apprenticeship workshops and Arts College portfolios

This day is vitally important for students as we will sign them onto the UCAS university application system and help them write their supporting statement. To register with UCAS your child will need to know their GCSE grades and exam boards. If their chosen route is university, they will 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 Arts Colleges and apprenticeships or employment.

Friday 12th July: Revisiting extended Reading within lessons

Within their normal lessons, students will be encouraged by their teachers to engage with further reading around their subject areas. These reading lists are available on the tallispost16.com

Parental Meeting during Progression Week

There will be a meeting for parents on Tuesday 9th July at 6.00pm in the Internet Café, which will be an opportunity for you to find out about the week, and about the Ucas process and progression in general.

Guidance and return slips

We must make you aware that at times during the visits there will be remote supervision. We are happy for your child to make their own way home, as long as we have your permission for this. Please indicate on the return slip if you are happy for this to happen.

If there are any problems please do not hesitate in contacting the sixth form team through post16admin@thomastallis.org.uk

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.**

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

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Heather Odd
Head of Year 12

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Fiona Lumsden
Head of Year 13

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Oonagh McGowan
UCAS Co-ordinator



Please return the slip to the sixth form office by Friday 21st June

I give permission for to go on a university/ arts college visit.

I am happy for my son/ daughter to be dismissed from central London:

Parent/Carer Name and Signature.....

Student Mobile

Parent/Carer Mobile.....

Any dietary/ medical needs.....