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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 12,

We do hope parent's evening has gone well. This letter is about our compulsory Progression Week which runs this year between the 10 and 14 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 Xs during Tues/Wed/Thurs of Progression Week.

Monday 10 July: Extended Reading and Research

From this date all students will be registering in their Year 13 tutor groups. 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 11 July: Workshops

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

Wednesday 12 July: University campus visits

All students will be taken by staff to visit a university campus, at Kent, Surrey, Essex, or Sussex. These visits will allow students to learn about student life, and get tips about the application and finance from the university's perspective. 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 13 July: UCAS sign on + Personal Statement writing + Art, Performing Arts and World of Work Pathway 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.

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There will also be workshops for those who wish to apply to Art College, Performing Arts courses and apprenticeships or employment.

Students wanting to apply for a visual pathway will have the opportunity to talk to students from Film, Media, Graphic Design, Fashion, Fine Art, Architecture & Photography and ask any questions they may have as well as looking at what makes a successful portfolio or showreel for their applications.

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 at 9.30am in the Silent Study area on this day. **If they do not do so, it may not be possible for us to support such an application.**

Friday 14 July: Tutor group trips

On this day, students will go out on a cultural enrichment trip with their old tutor. These trips are specific to each tutor group and more details have been provided via your child's Year 12 tutor.

Parental Meeting during Progression Week

There will be a meeting for parents on **Tuesday 11th July 18:00-19:00** in the Main Hall, which will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you have about the Progression process at Tallis.

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

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

22 September: final draft of Personal Statement is due.

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


15 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-2023.html>. Please familiarise yourself with it.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Year 13



Oonagh McGowan
UCAS Co-ordinator

University Trip Consent Form

I give permission for my child: Please Print full name.....

to attend the University Visit on Wed 12 July.

Signed..... Parent / Carer

Emergency contact phone number

Medical notes.....

Student contact number during the visit:.....

*****Return to your tutor as soon as possible**