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To : Parents of the Lower Sixth

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Dear Parents,

We are writing to you at this stage to say that the Lower Sixth as a year have made a very positive start to their studies. We are in the process of inviting them individually to show us work they have done since September – this gives us an opportunity to discuss their academic progress. You will have received the grade card at half-term. On the end-of-term grade card, teachers will give their first indications of A-level/IB current performance. These grades will not be predictions but an early reflection of what work is currently worth in terms of the standard required in summer 2011. Clearly, we will expect these grades to rise as the months go by. Parents will receive grade cards (reports) at each half-term and end of term.

We also thought it would be helpful for you to have an understanding of the shape of the two Sixth Form years, including parents' meetings and examinations. Please could you make a note of these key dates?

#### Lower Sixth

- IB and A-level internal exams : straight after half-term in Summer 2010. Predicted grades for university applications will largely be determined by the results of these exams.
- Parents' meeting and parents' Higher Education briefing: Sunday 20 June (5-9 pm). Please note that this meeting does not coincide with a leave weekend.

#### Upper Sixth

- Parents' meetings to coincide with the starts of the second leave weekend (Autumn Term) and the second leave weekend (Spring Term).
- IB internal exams: straight after half-term in Spring Term 2011.
- A-level internal exams: first week of Summer Term 2011.
- IB public (external) exams: May 2011.
- A-level public (external) exams: in May and June 2011. Some modern language oral exams take place earlier than this.

As you are aware, the school now requires all its pupils to sit their external exams at the end of the Sixth Form. We believe that our rigorous internal exams offer pupils appropriate practice and preparation with minimum disruption to the teaching and learning programme.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,