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To Parents of Lower Sixth

Dear Parents,

You will find on the Parent Portal of the school website the first of this term's two grades and comments cards. As usual, tutors and HMs will be pleased to hear from you if you would like to discuss any aspect of the card. You can gain access to the Portal by using the code that was sent to you in December. If you have any problems with the system, please email pass.web@stedwards.oxon.sch.uk giving as many details as possible.

The Higher Education Department is already well underway with the business of initiating our Lower Sixth into the world of university applications. One thing worth noting at this stage is that the school will be required to supply predicted A-level grades/IB points for university application forms in the Autumn Term. It is important for our Lower Sixth to understand that these predictions are significant for the universities and will be determined largely (and inevitably) by the results achieved in the Lower Sixth summer exams (7-13 June). We look forward to the Lower Sixth achieving the best results of which they are capable. Those pupils, of whom there will be many, who are very ambitious about their higher education plans have been advised to enter themselves for the A-level Extended Project: this is a voluntary piece of independent research which is viewed favourably by the more competitive universities. IB candidates are already engaged in the equivalent (and compulsory) IB Extended Essay.

Whilst I am writing, may I ask you to make a note of two events in particular to be held on the same day in the Summer Term? The date is Sunday 20 June. At 5.00 pm there will be a Lower Sixth parents' meeting to discuss progress over the year as well as the outcome of the summer exams. Then at 7.00 pm we shall hold our annual Higher Education introduction for Lower Sixth parents. By holding both events on the same day, we hope to spare you too many journeys to and from school. We look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,