

ST BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

Date: Monday 30th June 2025 Our ref: ELO/sjt

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 12 Updates

We have a busy few weeks for Year 12 as we approach the end of term, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a few things.

Personal Statements and University applications

Students are busily writing their first drafts of their personal statements. At this point students are working on one PEEL paragraph per question, and it is great to see lots of students are starting to upload these onto UNIFROG, our central platform for checking and feedback. The deadline for this is the 11th July. The sixth form team will check these are present then students should work on a fuller more complete draft over the summer holidays. The due date for their second full draft is the 3rd September, at this point the tutor team will give them full and detailed feedback which they will then work upon and improve in their enrichment sessions which we are introducing next academic year. We know that not all students will apply to university, however at this stage we do ask students to complete a draft personal statement as it is useful for all forms of applications.

UCAS Predicted Grades

Teachers are working on students UCAS predicted grades which we will share and update with students at the beginning of Year 13. These will be revisited after the November mocks. Students should not be pestering teachers for predicted grades or try to increase these; the judgements of their teachers should be respected. We work hard on ensuring UCAS predicted grades are consistent, we ask that students trust this process. UCAS predicted grades and Teacher predicted grades are slightly different. The teacher predicted grade that is on the report is realistic for this point in the academic year. The UCAS predicted grade is the most aspirational grade we believe a student can achieve.

Work experience

Work experience is fast approaching. Students will be on work experience from 14^{th} July – 18^{th} July. We have all of Year 12 out on a placement which is fantastic news. We will check in on the students throughout the week. We thank you for your support during this week in making sure students are on time to placements.

Moving into Year 13

Year 13 is a big year, and students have worked hard in the last few weeks to prepare for this. I know that the most recent assessments have been a wake-up call for some, in realising how much they must do, and how they should be using their study periods and their free periods. We hope the habits we have instilled through revision timetables; the revision revolution programme will see them well into Year 13. It is critical that students have a break over the summer but also continue to work hard, catch up and consolidate learning. Please do support your child in finding that balance between work, rest, and enjoyment over the summer.

Kind Regards,

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