



# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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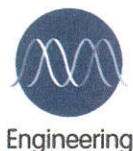
Dear Parent/Carer



Many Year 12 pupils have just completed mock examinations for modules that they will take in May and June and we will report the results later in the month. Lessons will now continue as normal until Friday 9 June. If your daughter/son has a modular examination in this period they will be allowed the afternoon before a morning exam (except Friday afternoon) or the morning before an afternoon exam to prepare. Teachers will be preparing them for their end of year examinations in linear subjects during this time so please do not allow them to miss more lessons than they need to. Study leave for the end of year examinations will take place from Monday 12 June to Tuesday 20 June 2017 inclusive with students returning to normal lessons and for Sports Day on Wednesday 21 June.



I also wish to clarify the entry qualifications into the second year of A Level courses. No student will be allowed to continue with a course if they achieve less than a mid D grade (55%). This school requires all students to start Year 13 with at least three full A Level courses. Regrettably, students will not be able to return into Year 13 if they have not achieved at least grades C, mid D, mid D in the three subjects they intend to continue to A Level. If you are concerned that this is a real possibility, I would strongly advise that you and your daughter/son make enquiries now about what alternatives they may have and ensure that they have requested an appointment with our Connexions Personal Advisor. It is also worth noting that pupils may not study 4 A Level subjects unless they have achieved at least a B grade in all subjects in the first year.



I would also like to inform you that Friday 28 April is one of our designated Activity Days. Due to the proximity of the final examinations we allow Year 12 pupils to take this time for independent revision. We are happy for this to take place at home but would ask if you ensure that your daughter/son has a plan to use the day effectively. If any pupil wishes to come to school to revise they are welcome to use Hylands Sixth Form Centre but need to let Mrs Fairweather know before the day so we can prepare a register.

In June and July we will begin to prepare students for university entry, including a visit to the University of Essex on Thursday 15 June 2017 for the University Superfair (this trip is now full) and our 'Into the Future' activity day on 3 July. On this day we have invited undergraduates and professionals who will talk about applying to university and apprenticeship options and individual career planning sessions will be available to those who are not yet sure about the direction they want to take after A Levels.



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If you are unsure about the whole UCAS applications system, dates and procedures, especially if this is your first child applying to university we intend to hold a parents' information evening on Monday 10 July 2017 (more details to follow).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Hayton'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr B Hayton  
**Head of Sixth Form**