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Dear Parents

I do hope that the Easter holiday proves to be both recuperative and constructive and that your son prepares himself meticulously for the examination challenges that lie ahead. If there are areas of the syllabus that prove particularly difficult he must note them and inform his teachers next term to allow time for clarification. I take this early opportunity to inform you about four important events in what I hope will be a successful summer term.

HE Presentation Wednesday 30th April

You are invited to our Higher Education presentation at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 30th April in the main hall. We will be looking at the whole university admissions process including Student Finance. It is good to see that a number of students have been busy with their research and the Easter break provides another opportunity for students and parents to make informal exploratory visits to university towns and campuses.

Examinations

The examination period stretches over many weeks these days and can be disruptive. The school's arrangements are designed to provide maximum flexibility for individual students' timetables but also to enable crucial teaching to continue. **Consequently students may only revise at home in the session immediately before any examination they are sitting.** Once again there will be no Games on Wednesday afternoons during the examination period. I stress that teachers will be available throughout the examination period and students are encouraged to come into school if they encounter any problems.

Birmingham University Open Day

As part of our HE programme the school will be taking the Lower Sixth to Birmingham University Open day on Friday 27th June to look at a typical Russell Group university. We will depart King's at 8.15 am and return by 5.30 pm.

UCAS Apply Day Wednesday 9th July

This day is devoted both to the University application process and to CV writing for any students not planning to apply to university. It will provide both essential information and the opportunity for students to proceed with their applications.

How effectively your son applies himself over the next eight weeks will have a very significant bearing on the final outcome of his 'A' levels. He must neither underestimate the volume of work that remains to be done nor his capacity to work the long hours needed. Please do not hesitate to contact us if ever you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nigel C. Barton'.

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