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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope the first year in sixth form has been an enjoyable time for your son/daughter. As time progresses, it is only natural that thoughts start to shift towards life beyond sixth form and the potential opportunities and challenges that await.

At Ark 6th Form we take student progression very seriously and it is our ambition that all of our students move onto university or employer based training via an apprenticeship. The foundation for this will start in earnest in the summer term with the upcoming examinations. However, it is our expectation that students will now start to consider the route most appropriate for them, whether this be university or work based apprenticeships.

Before students start in earnest with their preparations for life after sixth form, it is important to tackle the immediate challenge of entry into Year 13. All post-sixteen institutions set their own entry requirements for Year 13 and they tend to vary as there is no mandatory requirement set by government.

For entry into Year 13 for academic year 17-18 a student in Year 12 will need to perform broadly in line with their target grade. We are not setting a grade benchmark; all decisions will be based on performance against target. However, there are some minimum standards that need to be met to ensure qualification for Year 13.

- Attendance in excess of 95% for the year
- A U grade in a subject will automatically disqualify a student from progression into Year 13 to study that same subject (special consideration will apply in instances of extenuating circumstances)
- A student cannot study less than three A-Level subjects or equivalents
- A good behaviour record

If a student finds themselves subject to one of the above categorisations then entry to Year 13 will be at the discretion of Head of sixth form.

I wish your son/daughter all the very best for their examinations in the summer.

Yours faithfully



James Hamilton
Head of Ark 6th Form East Sussex