



Charters School

Specialist Sports and Science College

September 2011

Dear Parents, Carers

I hope that your son/ daughter has made a positive start to Year 13, and are starting to think about their future when they leave Charters.

I enclose a sheet giving your son/daughter's predicted grades for their university application. The grades have been carefully thought out by the subject teachers. Please note that the attached sheet does not include predicted grades for AS subjects that were started in September 2011 and also there are no predicted grades for English as the AS papers are under review. The grades will be available later on this month. If your child needs a predicted grade before this, please ask them to see their English teacher.

Can remind you that students can choose 5 universities and MUST select a range of appropriate offers:
For example, if a student is predicted BBB by the school, he/she should not apply to universities wanting ABB as the university will not consider their application. However, neither is it in that student's best interest to apply to universities wanting D grades as it sends the message that they want to get by on very little work.

The best range of universities in this example would be:

- 3 wanting 3Bs
- 1 wanting 2Bs and 1 C
- 1 wanting 1B and 2 Cs

Although the deadline for completing the UCAS form is the end of November, I strongly recommend applying early. Students should therefore have their UCAS form fully completed by Half Term. **UNIVERSITIES DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS AS THEY ARRIVE:** they will already be starting to make offers to students who applied in September.

Other important dates this term: Thursday 13th October: Curriculum Enrichment day. This will include an inspirational talk by Shaun Attwood who will talk about young people and drugs and prisons. The day will also involve some preparation for next year; cooking, managing finances and looking after your health. It is compulsory that all pupils attend.

Thursday 20th October: Year 13 Parents' Evening. Your son/daughter will book appointments with their subject teachers.

Monday 7th November: Safe Drive Stay Alive driving skills course at Madjeski Stadium. Compulsory for all.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's tutor should you require any advice at this stage.

Yours sincerely

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