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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

I am writing to welcome your son/daughter to Year 12, and to congratulate them on successfully becoming part of the John Warner Sixth Form. As your son/daughter's Head of Year, it is a privilege to see how your son/daughter will progress and successfully overcome many challenges that may be faced. It is a great year for your son/daughter to really prove that they can achieve their ambitions.

Year 12 is a year full of opportunity, endeavour and participation, it is one of the most important school years in regards to your son/daughter's journey towards dreams of university, apprenticeship or employment, and I hope that they can fulfil full potential and achieve aspirations.

Your son/daughter has achieved a lot over the previous five years and has arrived at the apex of the young community within the school. Consequently, your son/daughter is a role model in the Hoddesdon community and this comes with a degree of responsibility. It is imperative that your son/daughter arrives to school on time and to lessons punctually, as well as modelling the good behaviours expected around the school. It would be fantastic to see your son/daughter getting involved in school wide events such as House competitions, Open Evenings and taking an active lead in preferred subject areas. This will make your son/daughter's applications for future careers stand out from the rest of the candidates and more importantly, give your son/daughter a sense of pride and belonging within our community.

During registration students will be delivered a curriculum designed to help develop and guide them on their journey to becoming successful young adults. This will include the VESPA model which is designed to develop behaviour and characteristics needed for students to be successful. This model includes sessions on:

Vision	Students know what they want to achieve
Effort	The amount of independent study that is required
Systems	How to organise their learning resources and time
Practice	How to develop skills
Attitude	How to handle setbacks

Alongside VESPA students will have sessions designed to grow their cultural capital by exposing them to real world issues that they may be exposed to once they leave the Sixth Form.



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Your son/daughter should arrive promptly and use Form Time effectively to start the day as their Form Tutor will play an important role in delivering key information such as deadlines for UCAS applications and events happening each week. Form Tutors also play an important pastoral role and are there to support your son/daughter with any issues that arise this year and will communicate frequently with myself regarding any problems that arise.

It is important that your son/daughter works productively in 'Study Periods' so that they can focus on work in school and achieve more, rather than wasting time in school, and rushing work at home, we believe it is about working smarter, not necessarily harder.

As part of the current COVID 19 protocols each Year group has its own bubble at the school to prevent the limit interactions between Year groups. As part of this bubble the Year 12 students have a separate entry point by the engineering block where registration and the majority of Year 12 lessons take place. The school has staggered times for students to leave the site to try and prevent the mixing of bubbles and the Year 12 official end of the day is 15:10. All of these measures are put in place to prevent the spread of COVID 19 and keep our students and staff as safe as possible. It is paramount that all students adhere to the measures in place and use the sanitisers provided on site.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your son/daughter to Year 12 Parents Evening on Thursday, 25th February 2021. However, please be aware that the format of this event is subject to change based on the current national guidelines at that time.

In addition, please note the following scheduled internal assessments, which help guide students' progress across the course of the year. It is vitally important that students prepare for these examinations, and perform to their potential, as the results will impact their progression to the next stages of their courses. All results will be made available via Go4Schools at the earliest opportunity:

Interim Assessment 1	Week commencing 5 th October 2020
Interim Assessment 2	Week commencing 11 th January 2021
End of Year 12 Examinations	Week commencing 21 st June 2021

If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me via email jco@johnwarner.herts.sch.uk or by telephoning the school directly.

I look forward to your son/daughter having a successful year ahead and for your continued support.

Kind regards

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