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Dear Parents/Carers

We do hope that your daughter/son has enjoyed her/his first few days in the Sixth Form and that she/he is happy with the choices they have made. This letter is to give you some information which we feel would be valuable for you in guiding and supporting your daughter/son. In addition, all students have been issued with an Expectations Handbook which contains vital information for them and for parents.

We are holding a **Year 12 Expectations Evening on Wednesday 13th September at 4.30pm in the Main Hall**. It would be beneficial for parents and students to attend this evening as we will be discussing information about all the opportunities we offer at PHSG and our expectations of what is necessary for your daughter/son to achieve their potential.

It is also your chance to meet your daughter's/son's tutor and ask questions of members of the Senior Leadership Team about life in the Sixth Form.

We expect students to be spending approximately five hours per week on homework for each A Level subject. Study periods are built into student timetables and they will be supervised by a member of staff. In addition, there are designated free rooms available plus the Sixth Form Study Centre, and the Library/Resource Centre in which to study. In Year 12 students are not initially allowed to have home study periods unless specifically given permission by us to do so. Home study leave will be allowed once we feel that students are making appropriate progress in their studies.

We also expect all students to be punctual to school for registration at 8.40am and to hand work in on time. Full attendance is very important. Research has shown that absence has a detrimental effect on final A Level performance. If we have concerns about attendance, we will speak to your daughter/son first and then contact you. Form Tutors will regularly check students' progress. You will be invited to discuss your daughter's/son's progress with subject staff in November if it is felt that this would enhance their progress.

**Please do not book holidays during term time because that will put your daughter/son at a huge disadvantage.**

All the courses we offer are very demanding and we advise students that too much employment in the evenings and at weekends is not appropriate if they are to achieve their potential. If you do have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact either your daughter's/son's form tutor or myself.

Yours sincerely

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