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END OF TERM 3 UPDATE

Dear families,

As we arrive at the end of term again, I am delighted to share some of our highlights and let you know what is coming up next term.

Firstly, our Y13 students completed their **UCAS applications** in January. Many students have had interviews for their courses and have received some exciting offers. We also had our Careers Advisor in Sixth Form for the day, on hand for all of our students applying for Apprenticeships. Our Destinations programme continues next term to support all students with their next steps.

At the beginning of February, a group of 9 students did a remarkable job of representing Sixth Form and Greyfriars at the **Oxford Schools Debating Competition**. With only a few weeks of preparation, students competed with other schools using the Parliamentary style of debating. Each team had only 15 minutes to prepare their case, either for or against the motion, and then present their speeches to opposing schools. Our students spoke so confidently and persuasively, despite the nerves. We were immensely proud of them.

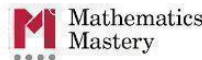
On February 5th, we had our **KS5 Parent Consultation Evening**. This is such an important opportunity for parents and students to speak to teachers about progress and targets. If you were unable to attend and would like an update, please contact me.

This week, our wonderful Sixth Form students have been running our Student Hub in support of **Children's Mental Health Week**. It has been brilliant to see them welcoming younger students into the space, playing games with them and being visible leaders.

We have also had our **House Assemblies** this week which included a presentation by two Sixth Form students. The girls wanted to speak about activism in young people and the message that 'love is more powerful than hate'. They are a shining example of student leadership in action, the power of participation and why using your voice matters.

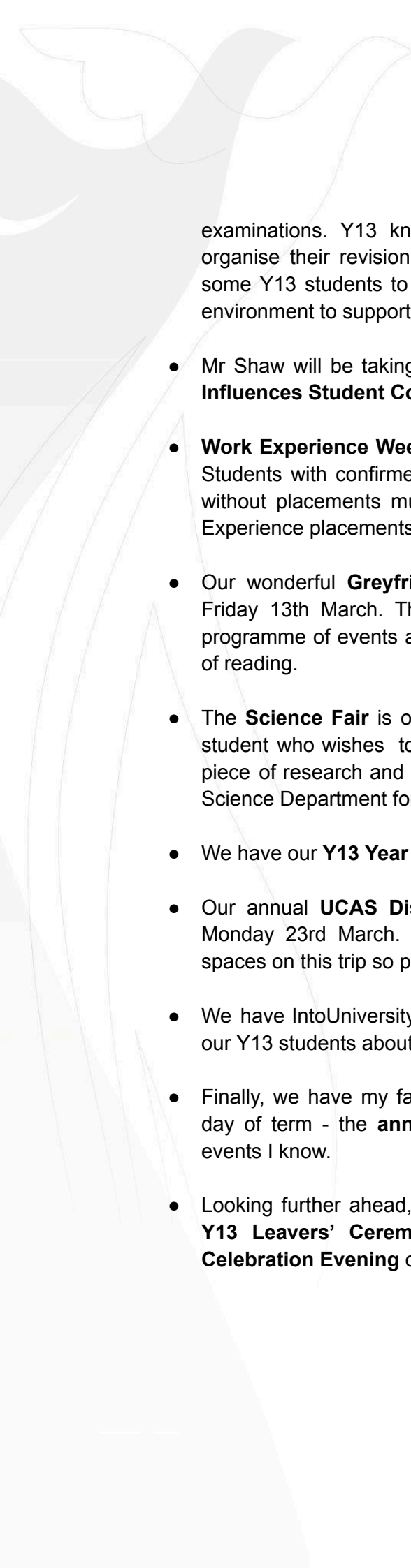
Here are some of the key dates coming up in Term 4:

- **Term 4** starts on Monday 23rd February 2026 at 8:45am
- **PPE Exams** start on Monday 23rd for Year 13 only. These exams will last for 2 weeks. A separate letter has been sent out to Y13 students and parents about these




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examinations. Y13 know that the half-term break is an important opportunity to organise their revision resources and build their study routines. We will be asking some Y13 students to study in school to provide the best possible, distraction free environment to support them with this.

- Mr Shaw will be taking a small group of Y12 students to St Clare's for the **Global Influences Student Conference** on Friday 27th February.
- **Work Experience Week** for Y12 students runs from Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March. Students with confirmed and authorised placements will be out of school. Students without placements must be in school this week. They will complete online Work Experience placements and take part in career and destinations workshops.
- Our wonderful **Greyfriars Literary Festival** takes place between Monday 2nd - Friday 13th March. The theme for this year is Reading for Life. We have a full programme of events and activities suitable for every year group to celebrate the joy of reading.
- The **Science Fair** is on Wednesday 18th March. This is a great opportunity for any student who wishes to pursue a career in a STEM related field to carry out a small piece of research and present their findings to others. Students should speak to the Science Department for more information.
- We have our **Y13 Year group photo** on Friday 20th March.
- Our annual **UCAS Discovery trip to London for Y12 students** takes place on Monday 23rd March. Letters have been sent home about this. We have limited spaces on this trip so please sign up early.
- We have IntoUniversity coming in on Tuesday 24th March. They will be speaking to our Y13 students about **Student Finance** for University.
- Finally, we have my favourite Sixth Form event of the year taking place on the last day of term - the **annual Easter Egg Hunt**. This is one of the most competitive events I know.
- Looking further ahead, we have two very important events for Y13. The first is the **Y13 Leavers' Ceremony** on Tuesday 23rd June and the second is the **Y13 Celebration Evening** on Thursday 25th June.



Once again, thank you for all your support this term. I hope you have a wonderful week and we look forward to seeing the students when they return.

Kind regards,



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