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Dear Parent/Guardian

**HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATE EVENING (YEAR 2 PARENTS)  
Thursday 11 May – 7.00pm (College Drama Studio)**

Many of our second year students are hoping to commence a higher education course this autumn. To help in the preparation process and to address the issue of transition, we have arranged a meeting on Thursday 11 May. This briefing will aim to update and add to the information provided to parents at the HE evening last summer and aims to provide an update and outline of key information regarding higher education finance and facilities available to students and their parents for the 2017/18 year

Evette Hawkins, Head of Careers, will give an outline of the procedures to be followed after the publication of A Level results in August, including help potentially available for students where A Level grades do not quite come up to expectations, or for those students whose plans, thinking or preferences, have changed over the spring/summer period. A member of the undergraduate admissions team from the University of Essex will also provide an outline of arrangements, and the opportunity to raise any specific questions, concerning the Government's national system for student support for higher education for 2017 entrants, which is centrally administered on behalf of the Government by the Student Loan Company based in Darlington.

Students have, of course, been signposted to sources of information by the College and have been made aware that applications for student finance were available from February but to apply before the end of May 2017 to ensure finance is in place for the start of their course. Student Finance information and the online applications can be obtained through the following web site: [www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

Yours sincerely

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