

## The Holt School UCAS Predicted Grade Guidelines

The Holt's UCAS predicted grades are an honest assessment of the best-case scenario of a student's most likely achievement based on as much evidence as can be gathered as well as substantial teacher experience. These grades are aspirational but also realistic.

Heads of Department (HoD) consider a number of factors when drawing up their UCAS predicted grades:

- Year 12 summer PPE grade
- Internal assessment results
- The judgement of the HoD, based on experience of tracking performance from Year 12 to the final grade at A level.

Students should be mindful of the importance of applying for suitable courses at suitable institutions. Securing an offer to get on a course based on unrealistic grade predictions is likely to be counterproductive.

A student needs to provide the evidence that they are striving for a higher grade than predicted if they want a HOD to consider changing the current UCAS predicted grade. It is not sufficient for students to say they will work much harder.

HoDs will need to see that there is a consistent improvement in marks in home learning and assessments over the first half term of the Autumn term in Year 13. In addition, the PPEs held straight after October half term for Year 13 will allow a student to provide evidence that they have made improvements, which will mean that the HODs are able to improve a UCAS predicted grade based on recent evidence.

*Please note that UCAS predicted grades are submitted in September for any students who are applying to Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary and dentistry courses due to the UCAS external deadline of around mid October. This places an even higher importance on their summer PPE grades.*

### **Timeline**

- Students are given their UCAS predicted grade before the end of the summer term of Year 12.
- If a student wishes to work towards a higher predicted grade, this evidence will be gathered through home learning and assessments in the first half term of Year 13 and from the early November PPEs. A revised UCAS predicted grade will be given mid-November, if the evidence is favourable.
- The UCAS deadline is at the end of January each year.