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Dear Parents,

The Destination of Leavers

After an outstanding set of A level results, we have collated information about the university choices of this year's leaving cohort. Recently some parents have discussed with me so-called 'softer' subjects at A level and university. They are naturally concerned that their sons should gain access to the top universities of choice, which largely these days (and as far as many employers are concerned) are the Russell Group Universities and also York and St Andrews. Not only is the destination of our leavers important, but the calibre and academic rigour of the courses they choose to study is also extremely important. You may be aware that the media sometimes highlights some graduates who on leaving university struggle to find employment. We advise our Sixth Formers that they should choose academically rigorous courses (although ones they will enjoy and have an interest in), bearing in mind their possible employment prospects after graduation.

On the reverse of this letter, I attach a pie chart showing the subjects chosen by our 2010 leavers and, as you will see, subjects such as economics, accountancy and business management are popular, as are engineering, medicine, physics and computer science etc. I have also included a table showing the destination university for many of our leavers. I would like to congratulate our recent Upper Sixth Form leavers on an excellent set of A level results.

I am delighted to be able to provide such positive feedback to our parents. I also hope your sons have made a good start to the academic year. Could I also use this letter as a reminder that our Open Evening this year is on Thursday 7th October between 5pm and 7pm and our Open Morning is to be held on Saturday 9th October between 9am-12.30pm. I should be grateful if parents could encourage any of their friends who might be interested to visit us then.

Yours sincerely,

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