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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are aware that there has been much interest over the university offers received by students this year. Much of this speculation has been based on incomplete information because it is only in early February that we are able to form a clear view of how the universities are dealing with applicants from MGS. We now have a large proportion of the offer information for this year and we would like to share with you the following information. In addition, the High Master will be sending out his Newsletter next week in which he will be providing you with further information and a more complete picture regarding university offers this year.

At present, our boys have received a total of 35 offers from Oxford and Cambridge, very much in line with the offers made during the last six years. We have also received a total of 30 offers (with a further 20 students waiting for news) from University College London and Imperial College London, both of which are now regarded as on essentially equal academic terms with Oxford and Cambridge.

The following table reflects only the courses applied for by both IB and A-level students. Many other courses were applied for by MGS students but only by either IB students *or* A-level students hence allowing no comparison here. The range of offers below have been received by our students from Oxbridge and universities in the Russell Group (which includes UCL and Imperial) and the 1994 Group (which includes Durham, St Andrew's and York). These two groups represent all of the UK's leading universities classed as offering the best research and excellent teaching.

<b>MGS Offers 2010</b>	<b>IB</b>		<b>A-level</b>	
<u>Subject</u>	<u>Range</u> (out of a maximum of 45 points)		<u>Range</u>	
	Lowest offer	Highest offer	Lowest offer	Highest offer
Biochemistry	34	-	AAB	-
Law	35	38	AAB	AAA
Music	34	35	ABB	A*AA
Modern Languages	32	36	BBB	A*AA
History	30	41	AAB	AAA
Engineering (all disciplines)	35	36	ABB	A*AAA
Medicine	36	42	AAB	AAAC
Economics	33	37	BBB	AAA
Philosophy	34	36	ABB	A*AA
English	36	38	ABB	AAA
Chemistry	32	34	BBB	AAA
Materials science and engineering	32	36	ABB	AAB
Geography	33	36	ABB	A*AA



As you may be aware from newspaper reports, this year some universities have demanded higher A-level grades. There is no evidence, at this stage, that IB students have been faced with the same problem.

We would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Sixth Form Team, to invite parents and their sons from Year 10, 11 & 12 to a University Admissions Information Evening on Thursday 18 March. Admissions Tutors from Universities of Oxford, Manchester, Liverpool, Nottingham and York will be holding seminars in which they will deal with: the current headlines about the squeeze on university places, how to make your university application stand out, the new A\* at A-level, as well as how the institutions view applications from IB/A-level applicants. Further details will be emailed to you in due course.

Should you have any queries regarding this information please contact either Miss Lowe or Mr Thom.

Yours sincerely

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