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Dear parent/carer



RE: Supporting Students with their Next Steps

Going to university or starting an apprenticeship is a big step for any young person. Attending university open days and apprenticeship events can make a significant difference in helping young people make decisions about their next steps. However, with all universities providing virtual open days this autumn due to Coronavirus restrictions, students this year will be making decisions about their futures based on very different experiences to those in previous years.

All students in college have been provided with information about virtual open days, the links are provided below:

Local Universities Virtual Open Days – <http://bit.ly/VirtualLocalHE>

Russell Group Universities Virtual Open Days – <http://bit.ly/VirtualRGHE>

UCAS Open Day Search - <http://bit.ly/UCASOpenDay>

The University and College Admission Service (UCAS) also provide some useful resources for parents and carers on their website to support their young people, including a regular parent newsletter:

<http://bit.ly/UCASParentAdvice>

Year 13 students are currently attending tutorials aimed at supporting them in making their application to university, apprenticeships and/or employment.

For your information, I have included some key dates on the reverse of this letter. Please note the internal deadline for UCAS applications is the **27th November 2020**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the Careers team in college:

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Yours faithfully

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JUNE/JULY 2020	<p>Year 12 tutorials on researching university choices, preparing for university life and how to write a personal statement</p> <p>Year 12 tutorials on researching apprenticeships and employment choices and how to write a supporting statement</p> <p>All students asked to complete a first draft of their personal statement or supporting statement before the end of Year 12</p> <p>Summer independent learning – all students asked to register for and complete the Personal Details, Education and Employment section of UCAS Apply</p>
SEPTEMBER 2020	Individual support for UCAS Early Applicants (Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine)
OCTOBER 2020	All students receive a refresher tutorial on UCAS and Apprenticeships/Employment.
14TH OCTOBER 2020	Virtual Apprenticeship and HE Fair (UK Universities & Apprenticeships)
15TH OCTOBER 2020	Deadline for applications to Oxford/Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Science courses.
2ND NOVEMBER 2020	<p>Application support workshops commence for students applying to UCAS.</p> <p>Students who wish to apply for apprenticeships/employment will be provided with a booklet of activities to complete prior to the commencement of employability tutorials in December</p>
27TH NOVEMBER 2020	Internal deadline for all UCAS applications to be submitted to Progress Tutors.
7TH DECEMBER 2020	Employability tutorials commence for students planning to apply for apprenticeships and/or employment
15TH JANUARY 2021	<p>UCAS deadline for all applications.</p> <p>Tutorials continue for students still to secure an apprenticeship or employment for after their studies</p>
FEBRUARY 2021	Student Finance opens for applications. Job Club Sessions for students wanting to go into employment or apprenticeships.
MAY 2021	Students must respond to any offers from universities. Clearing opens.
AUGUST 2021	Results Day