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Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware that you received a letter from New College Pontefract by mistake - please ignore the information sent.

To avoid any confusion here are some key reminders related to our Y13 students. This information has already been shared in our *Careers and Next Steps Newsletter* which was sent out before October half term, along with reminders on social media.

Link to Newsletter: https://sway.cloud.microsoft/LJHdcACS3VMukhyz?ref=Link

Students applying to University

Students should be getting ready to send off their UCAS applications. The college deadline for submission is **Friday 27 November**. Students were asked to complete a first draft of their Personal Statement as part of their SIL (Summer Independent Learning) and will have received a feedback wrapper with advice on next steps.



Y13 Support in College - UCAS and Apprenticeships

Universities will be in college over the next few weeks – please see the schedule of visits at the end of this letter. The following sessions have also been advertised in college for Y13 students to sign up for:

Date	Activity
Thursday 12 November	NHS Courses – Personal Statement Workshop
Thursday 19 November	NHS courses – Interview Tips
Thursday 3 December	Primary Education/Early Years – Interview Tips
Thursday 10 December	Degree Apprenticeships Workshop
Thursday 7 January	NHS courses – Interview Tips
Thursday 4 March	Apprenticeship Application Workshop

Students applying for Apprenticeships and Employment

Y13 students will receive updates on opportunities related to UCAS and Employability routes via Teams including 'The Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancies Listing' with over 1200 apprenticeships advertised!
More information is also shared with students in Tutorials and via Teams every week including current Apprenticeship vacancies and support webinars to help with the recruitment process.

You will continue to receive updates in the *Careers and Next Steps Newsletters* sent out each half-term. If you have any questions regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact their Progress Tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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