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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Future Pathways

At this stage in Year 12 it is time to start considering future pathways beyond the Sixth Form. Via Google classroom, we have been encouraging year 12 students to be proactive in considering their futures and to use the time available to research possible apprenticeships, employment opportunities or university courses for September 2021. As is common in all Sixth Forms, we would be introducing future pathways to students and parents in face to face meetings during this half term. However, this year will be slightly different under the current circumstances.

We will be working closely with all of our year 12 students to help and advise them in planning their next steps. In order for us to gather all of the student's information in one place, create personal statements and attach predicted grades and references, we will be using the UCAS system, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. This does not mean that all students in year 12 will be applying for university places for 2021, but it is the best way of securely managing student information for whichever path they should choose to take.

I would like to draw your attention to a UCAS Parents' Evening Presentation and Making the Right Choice Student Presentation for your information. These include a range of possible options for students beyond Sixth Form, advice on apprenticeships and a range of links for you and your son or daughter to explore if they are considering applying for further or higher education courses. These presentations can be found [HERE](#) on the School Website under the Sixth Form tab.

The following two weblinks are incredibly useful for researching future pathways and I would strongly recommend spending some time familiarising yourselves with the opportunities that exist and that are available for our year 12 students.

[APPRENTICESHIPS](#)

[UCAS](#)

Beginning to have discussions with staff members, family and friends now will allow informed decisions to be made, and give students a true sense of direction for the forthcoming academic year. I would also strongly recommend your son or daughter creating their own UCAS 'hub' using this link [UCAS HUB](#) which enables them to organise their initial thoughts in one place.

Over the next few weeks, via the year 12 tutor group Google Classrooms, and more formally from September, we will be working closely with students to gather evidence of their achievements and personal qualities. We will also be guiding students in developing their personal statements for use when applying for employment, apprenticeships or higher education.



Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the 'events' section of the UCAS website. Under normal circumstances, we would be making a visit to a University Open Day during this term with all students in year 12. Students are also actively encouraged to take time off to visit universities or colleges to help inform their decision making process. This year, many universities are offering virtual student experiences which are listed [HERE](#) and are updated on a daily basis.

In the forthcoming weeks, we will ensure that all students in year 12 are registered with UCAS so that we can begin to consider future pathways together. This is a team effort that requires students, tutors, teachers and parents and carers and our Adviza service to help our year 12 students make the best choices about their future options.

I would like to thank you for your support in highlighting the importance of preparing your son or daughter now for successfully moving on from Sixth Form in 2021.

Yours sincerely



Mr Marshall

Head of sixth form

