



1st July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer Preparatory Work for Application to Higher Education & Apprenticeships

We hope your child has enjoyed engaging in the 'next-steps' preparatory sessions that have been held over the past half term. This is an important time for students, in terms of engagement in extra-curricular opportunities, to showcase their passion for the subjects and careers they are planning to progress with. For those who are considering continuing their further education at an academically selective course, institution or apprenticeship provider it is imperative that they can demonstrate this. Ideally, all students should be in a position to demonstrate their passion and interest. We are writing to make you aware of some of these opportunities, so you are best able to support your child through this process.

In addition to the virtual open days discussed in our letter dated 16th June there are also the following opportunities:

- [Speakers for Schools Careers Talks](#): These are virtual talks given by leading UK arts and business figures, which cover a wide range of subject and career aspects.
- [Virtual Work Experience Placements](#): Speakers for Schools also offer applications to online work placements with large UK companies.
- [Futurelearn](#): A platform of free online courses produced by businesses and universities from around the globe.
- [Worcester College Covid-19 Student Support](#): Advice and pointers towards further reading from our link Oxford College.

The Sixth Form team also update the Year 12 Teams page with opportunities from a range of local providers as they are shared with us.

When your child makes their application, it is important that they can reflect on any work experiences, placements, wider reading, extracurricular courses or community work / volunteering that they have done so they are able to build this into their personal statement. Keeping a log of such reflections will help them.

The deadline for UCAS applications for those applying for Oxford, Cambridge or Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Science is 15th October, which is earlier than for other courses. These students should return to school in September with their first draft of their personal statement completed ready to go through with their tutor and the Sixth Form team.

This exploratory stage in the process of applying for further study and apprenticeships is an exciting one. Students are able to self-study in areas that are interesting and inspiring for them. The upcoming summer vacation provides time and space to follow these interests. Please do contact us if you feel yourself or your child needs further support.

Yours sincerely

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