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Information for Parents **UCAS application Process 2024**

Dear Parent,

This term, we have begun to focus on the specific things needed to prepare for UCAS applications, applications abroad and we can also look at the other routes available to our pupils for the future.

There is a wealth of information and guidance to be found on the Sixth Form Frog page that is accessible through the Parent Portal. I urge you to have a look at this over the summer with your son or daughter. I hope it answers any questions that you may have. It continues to expand as I update and add answers and guidance for questions that may arise, and I hope it is organised in a way that you find accessible and useful.

UCAS publish their own specific guidance which can be downloaded from this link:
[Advice For Parents And Guardians | UCAS | Parent Guide To University](#)

The UCAS website main page is: www.ucas.com

End of year exams, predicted grades and personal statements

Now that the exams have been completed, pupils are encouraged to speak to departments about realistic predicted grades in order that sensible course choices can be made. Much can change over the course of the Summer if exam results have not been as expected and we will always try and be as generous as possible when looking at predicted grades. However, university places are given on the actual grades obtained which is something to bear in mind when looking at the more aspirational end of the grades that are required for the chosen course.

Personal statements are key to making an application stand out and communicating why your son or daughter would be the right person for the course (or future job application) at their chosen university and work should go in to producing this over the summer. Tutors can then help refine these before applications are submitted in the Michaelmas Term. Comprehensive guidance for these is also available on the Frog page. The key will be in deciding what course is to be applied for and making the personal statement specific to that course. The same will happen for the subject reference that that College provides. This has changed for 2024 and will only be needed for certain Universities and should only include comments that are relative to the course being applied for. This makes the research undertaken even more important to help focus the application.

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If the UCAS route is not the route your son or daughter is heading towards then the personal statement is equally as important in highlighting the strengths, interests and skills they possess for the other choices that are available and so everyone is expected to complete their first draft over the summer. Tutors support overseas applications (these can be complicated and require pupils and parents to research them carefully) and guidance is also available for apprenticeships through the careers support.

Financial Support (future planning!)

Applicants can apply for financial help towards tuition fees and living costs and we recommend that all eligible pupils follow this route as it makes the application process simpler. More information can be found on the following websites and the application process begins in March:

If the family lives in England:

www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

If the family lives in Wales:

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

If the family lives elsewhere in the European Union:

www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance-eu

Now that we have almost reached the end of the first year of Sixth Form, I would like to thank you for your support of the College and our pupils, and I hope that you have an enjoyable summer break before all of the above becomes a little more imminent.

Kind regards,

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