



Ellesmere

A 7 – 18 Coeducational School

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Dear Parents,

During the Easter break students will be preparing for the exams in the Summer Term. It is also time for Lower Sixth formers to be focusing on future career options and university courses. Most Ellesmerians submit an application to UCAS in the first half of the Michaelmas Term in the Upper Sixth. Obviously, it is important for them to select the right course and the right university. Many will already be thinking about attending Open Days (which we recommend are arranged for the end of the Summer Term or over the holidays) and all students will have the opportunity to attend the UCAS Exhibition in Liverpool in June. It is important to check the UCAS website for up-to-date course information and Sixth Formers have also been given advice on how best to use Unifrog (a web search engine to which Ellesmere College subscribes).

We want our students to be in the best possible position if applying for university entry which is one of the reasons why we encourage individuals to enter the ESB assessment and complete an Extended Project Qualification. Results in the internal school exams in the Summer Term will be used to assist in determining predicted grades for UCAS applications.

You may like to know that there is a designated Parents' section on the main UCAS website at www.ucas.com/parents. There is useful information here to help in the decision-making process. The site also contains clear guidelines about the UCAS application process and advice on how parents can help their son or daughter through what can be a stressful time. Latest information on tuition fees can be found on www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance.

Beside final grades, universities may also seek evidence of commitment and experience for a course. (This is essential if applying for degrees in competitive subjects such as Medicine or Law.) Various opportunities have been advertised at Sixth Form assemblies or on the noticeboards of the Sixth Form Centre. Students have also been able to listen to a presentation on universities in Europe and beyond.

I hope the above information is helpful and provides some outline guidance.

With best wishes for the Easter holidays.

Yours sincerely,

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