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Year 13 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Having completed their final round of PPEs, Year 13 are now focused on preparing themselves for their A Level examinations in the summer. Using teacher feedback is vitally important in reviewing their revision strategy, planning their time and identifying any gaps in knowledge. All students, regardless of Post 18 pathway should be aware of the grades they need for their future choices and will be aware of their target grades. The most recent data cycle is nearing completion and reports will be coming to you via My Ed in due course. This is the final report you will receive detailing the predicted outcomes for your child. I would urge you to take this opportunity to look at this with your child in preparation for Post 16 Partnership Parents' Evening on 13 March 2019.

UCAS Applicants

Students who have applied to University will be receiving information around accepting offers, types of offer, clearing, extra and adjustment. They will be given support around what to do if they do not meet the conditions of their offers, deferring entry and student finance. To help you to support your child, I am including links to websites which explain the process of applying for finance, maintenance loans and repayment.

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/>

<https://university.which.co.uk/advice/student-finance>

The Government Finance website is how you apply for tuition fee loans and includes a repayment calculator. The Which? University and Martin Lewis websites have some excellent information for parents as well as students.



Year 13 Non UCAS and Apprentices

Students who have not applied for university can start to feel the pressure at this time of year. Many feel that they still have decisions to make around pathways and the job sectors they wish to go into. Please be assured that Careers Guidance is always available in school and after they have left us and I urge students to make the most of this.

There are several key activities your child should be engaging with in addition to careers advice:

Applying for a part time job – there are many benefits including concrete evidence of employability, soft skills and as a means of earning extra money until you have secured an apprenticeship after Sixth Form

UNIFROG – apprenticeship opportunities are live every day and are constantly being updated. You can complete shortlists of opportunities, compare salaries and explore training programmes. You should be looking at this once a week. The Careers Library tool will also be helpful.

Get in touch – students who enjoyed their work experience placement and are looking for that type of employment can use these contacts to check for opportunities.

Hold your nerve! - It is always helpful to remember that securing an apprenticeship takes time and research. You may have to wait a while for the right opportunity. It is worth taking your time to research the company and, as long as you are in employment after Year 13, you can take your time to find the best pathway for you.

Changing your mind – as long as you have A Level qualifications, you can apply to university whenever you want. If your plans don't work out or you have changed your mind you can apply through clearing for September 2019 entry or next year for 2020 entry.

Also, make sure you attend the Apprenticeship Fair in Leeds on 4 March. Link below.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedspathways/apprenticeships/larf2019>

Best wishes,



Mrs Pearson
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