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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the Summer break, I would urge you to take the time to sit down with your child to discuss and research their pathway after sixth form. I know that many of our year 12 students have already been proactive in forming strong ideas about their future and have already started researching their chosen area of interest.

Whether they are considering employment, further education, College, University, or an apprenticeship, now is the time to start the UCAS process. Once your child has registered with UCAS, there is an abundance of 'easy to access' tools mostly in the form of short videos, which navigate through CV writing, interviews, job search, all levels of apprenticeships and university courses.

Please also bear in mind that the personal statement from the university process provides an excellent template for cover letters, adapting CVs and job applications. Most of our year 12 students have already started preparing the first draft of their personal statement and this is brilliant. There is advice and help available on the UCAS website which will explain how to incorporate work experience into the personal statement. All our year 12 students have registered with Unifrog, a platform that supports and runs alongside UCAS.

By registering and starting a UCAS application to study at university, students will gain full access to the 'tools' mentioned earlier. When selecting the option to start an application, students will be prompted to insert the buzzword 'Cleevepark24' which will enable the sixth form team to monitor their progress. Should students wish to submit the application, the sixth form team will add their predicated grades and reference: the team will also make the final submission on the students' behalf. We aim to submit the completed UCAS applications by December 2023.

Please refer to the UCAS website for full details of the application process including deadlines: for applications to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science and dentistry there is an earlier deadline of 16 th October 2023. If your child is interested in these areas of study, please ensure they have discussed their preferred courses with our sixth form team. For these courses, all other courses, and alternative pathways, as parents or carers, please support your child's research and entry requirements on the UCAS, University and company websites.

Applying to study at university may not be your child's preferred pathway at this stage, however, submitting an application, will provide an invaluable, additional option later. It is also useful to bear in mind that many companies open their application portals for jobs and apprenticeships as early as August 2023 for a September 2024 start.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team on 0208 302 6418 extension 202: the team return on Monday 4th September. Starting the UCAS application process now places our year 12 students in an excellent position for the future.

Yours sincerely

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