

HE/CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our latest Parent / Carers Newsletter. We hope you find the following information useful.

For second year students

UCAS

Good News:

Over 679 students have sent off their UCAS applications; many have already received offers and others are still awaiting responses – an exciting time! This year, 17 of our students have been made offers to study at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, an excellent achievement – good luck to those students as they prepare for their final exams. Although the UCAS deadline of 15th January has passed, it is definitely **not too late** to put in an application as universities will receive applications until the end of June 2019, so if your son/daughter would like to apply we can help with this. Putting in an application keeps their options open as we know that students can change their minds about what they want to do over the next six months.

We have well over 20 universities attending our First Year Parents' evenings on 5th and 6th February, so this will be a good opportunity to gain first-hand information about universities and courses. Also, Progress Tutors, and Careers Advisers are on hand to offer ongoing help and support with applications.

Student Finance

Applications for student finance open in February – students apply through Student Finance England using the Ink below which will provide you with any information you need. Student finance talks will be delivered to students in college during February.

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

Scholarships and bursaries for higher education

Don't let your son/daughter miss out on any financial support they may be entitled to – all universities offer a range of scholarships and bursaries and students need to be aware of these as some of these can be very generous.

Please see the following link for further information.

<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/university-tuition-fees/other-financial-support/university-bursaries-and-scholarships/>

Apprenticeships

If your son/daughter is considering an apprenticeship at the end of the year, then please encourage them to keep in touch with Liz and Alice. They should also regularly check the student areas of the moodle for updates on vacancies as well as the college bulletin. They can book appointments with Liz/Alice for on-going support with the application process. Information on National School Leaver Schemes and apprenticeships can be found at

www.studentladder.co.uk.

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk

The Civil Service offers excellent apprenticeships and these opportunities open shortly. Applications open in March but students can pre-register here: fasttrack.preregister@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

For more information on the different schemes available see here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-service-fast-track-apprenticeship>

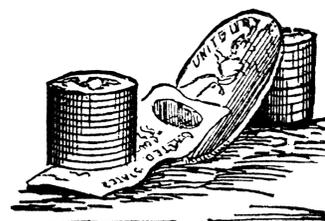
UCAS Extra

If your son/daughter is not holding any offers, or if they have changed their mind about the courses they have applied for, they can add an additional choice through TRACK. If this is the case, please encourage them to seek advice from their Progress Tutor or to see Liz or Alice, the college's Careers Advisers.

Responding to Offers

For students who have already applied, notifications of offers/interviews will come through UCAS Track, so remind your son/daughter to keep logging in and respond to requests for interview. If they cannot attend an interview, then they need to contact the university to rearrange. Your son/daughter should not rush into responding to their offers until they have received all of them, and also had the opportunity to attend post applicant open days, especially if they have not visited the university prior to making an application. If you want further information on the post-application process, then use the Parent/Carers Section on UCAS.

Students who are called for interview for courses such as medicine, the allied health professions and primary education can book a mock interview with Liz/Alice in Rooms L1 and 2 in the library. Plenty of practice helps to ease nerves, and Liz and Alice can provide specific information on what the Admissions Tutors are looking for.



For first year students

First year students should be thinking about taking advantage of opportunities to support future applications, whether that is for university or the world of work. They can do this through accessing a range of university summer schools and taster days. Work experience is also an excellent way to gain those all-important employability skills as well as helping to explore or discover a career aim or idea. We encourage and support students to find suitable work placements, but again advertise work experience placements via the college bulletin and through their Progress Tutors. Here are some that are currently available.

PRIME Legal Work Experience

PRIME is an alliance of law firms across the UK, committed to improving access to the legal profession through work experience because the legal sector should be open to talent from all economic backgrounds. There are more than 60 law firms involved in PRIME, providing legal work experience up and down the UK, providing work experience. Apply online now:

<https://primecommitment.co.uk/for-students>

HSBC Work Experience Programme

The programme offers a five day shadowing experience providing insights into a professional environment, as well as the banking industry. All Work Experience opportunities will be available through June, July and August 2019. The application process will entail some online questions and if successful, a telephone interview. To help prepare for this, we recommend checking out the Application Hints and Tips page.

All applications should be submitted before the deadline of 27th January 2019.

University of Gloucestershire Summer Film Academy

Dates: 22 July – 26 July 2019

Deadline: 21 June 2019. There are a limited number of places available for this event.

Are you interested in film and media? This FREE 5 day event will take you through the film production process; including script writing, storyboarding, filming and editing, a screening and an awards ceremony. Participants will leave with a brilliant film to put in their portfolio and a range of new skills and processes.

Other current opportunities:

Events and opportunities for students interested in Medicine

<https://www.wanttobeadoctor.co.uk/events>

Medicine Taster Day

Date Saturday 9th February 2019

Time 9.30am – 2.45pm

Venue Worsley Building, University of Leeds.



Are you interested in a career in medicine? With a combination of workshops delivered by medical students and the admissions team you will get an insight into studying medicine at The University of Leeds. There will also be the opportunity to find out more about entry routes and alternatives to medicine. Application closes on Thursday 24th January 2019

STEM Summer Schools through Headstart

First year students still have time to apply for a place on one of our fantastic Inspire or Headstart courses. This year the offer is as good as ever with nearly 60 courses across the 2 programmes at 30 of the UK's leading universities. You can find out everything you need to know and apply on line at:

- [Headstart \(year 12/S5\)](#)
- <http://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart/courses>
- <http://www.etrust.org.uk/headstart/apply-online>

Application closes on Friday 1st February 2019

Please encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of these opportunities as they will support their progression planning.

What's coming up

EY Smart Futures

Thursday 31st January – 12.50-1.30pm.

Presentation by EY on their work experience programme.

First year Parents' Evenings

Tuesday, 5th February 5.00 to 8.30pm and Wednesday, 6th February 4.00 to 7.00 pm.

Oxbridge Parents Evening

Monday 18th March to 7.00 to 9.00pm.

Advice on applying to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

University College London

Tuesday 19th March 12.50-1.30pm.

Studying at UCL.

Employment & Gap Year Fair

Tuesday 19th March 12.30 to 3.30pm.

An opportunity for students to network with local and national employers regarding both apprenticeship and graduate opportunities. Parents are welcome to also drop in.

Oxbridge Event at St James' Park, Newcastle

Wednesday 20th March, all day event.

Students interested in applying to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge have the opportunity to meet Admissions Tutors and undergraduates.

London School of Economics

Friday 20th March 12.50-1.30pm.

Studying at LSE.

STEMulate Teesside University

Wednesday 27th March - all day event.

Practical engineering workshops for Future Engineers.

UCAS Higher Education Fair at Teesside University

1st May 11am to 1.30pm.

This is a major higher education event which students should not miss. It is attended by more than 100 universities from across the UK. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend.