

**Welcome to the
Year 13 Information Evening**

Purpose of the evening

- Exam reflection
- Maximising success in Year 13
- How can you as parents help
- Clarification of procedures
- The UCAS process and preparation for employment

Summer Results

- First time through with no formal exams
- There were many outstanding individual results
- There is a lot of work to be done in Year 13 for all students
- The challenge for many students is the exam at the end of Year 13 is based on 2 years of study

Monitoring Progress and Performance

- Frequent assessment points
- Intervention where appropriate and necessary
- Review of all students prior to end of Autumn term
- First Mock Exams – w/b 13 November
- Final Mock Exams w/b 19 February
- Parents Evenings – Thursday 11 January and Thursday 22 March
- A2 results – Thursday 16 August

Barriers to Success

- Part time job – too many hours
- Ineffective study skills
- Poor time management
- Unbalanced commitments outside of school
- Lack of commitment to Sixth Form study
- Holidays during term time
- Not sharing concerns in time

What should students be doing?

- Keeping their notes organised for each module – the rule of dividers! This is crucial for new A levels
- Planning their non contact time weekly
- Identifying the gaps in their learning
- Regularly re-testing their learning
- Seeking out **how to** exemplars from staff and exam boards
- Work on a Growth Mindset

What can you do to help?

- Communication
- Reinforce procedures
- Read reports
- Ask for progress checks if you are concerned
- Attend Parents Evenings
- Help with testing and revision

Procedures

- Attendance and Punctuality – Vital
- Registration is different this year – All subject forms (these proved invaluable last year)
- Study Leave
- University visits
- Car Parking

UCAS

Last Year

- All students gained a place at university
- Many students gained places at Russell Group universities
- Studying a range of courses including, Medicine, Law, Computer Science, Physiotherapy and many more.

How to Apply

- Some Year 13 students are already registered
- Students can apply for up to 5 courses (except medicine, dentistry and veterinary)
- Applying for a selection of courses will increase chances of receiving an offer
- Application deadlines:
 - 15 October** – Oxbridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary
 - 15 January** – All other courses
 - 24 March** – Art and design courses (unless otherwise stated)

Cost of applying

- £24 if applying for more than one course
- £13 if applying for one course

What happens with the application?

- Student completes application process and hits “send” button”
- Application comes to us to write reference and check application – we will send back to students if anything needs changing
- We then send application to UCAS

Once the application is sent

- UCAS send applications simultaneously to all the applicant's nominated universities, they do not see the students other choice of University
- If you are applying for nursing, primary school teaching or social work you will be called for interview
- All Oxbridge/Medicine applicants will have an interview
- We are happy to help students to prepare for interviews

Offers

- Universities can make one of four decisions regarding applications:
 - Conditional offer
 - Unconditional offer
 - Conditional place on another course.
 - Turn the application down
- Applicants can follow the progress being made by their application via the “Track” system on the UCAS website
- Once the applicant has received answers from each of the five universities/courses via the Track system, the applicant can accept TWO of the offers

Accepting Offers

- A first choice – known as the “Firm” choice
- A second choice – known as the “Insurance” choice
- The applicant turns down the other offers
- If an applicant is turned down from all five choices, they qualify for “UCAS Extra”
- UCAS Extra gives students the chance to apply for courses still available at Universities. They also qualify for “Clearing” in August
- Clearing is where university places that are released back into the system

How to be successful with an application

- Think carefully about the courses you are applying for – Lots of research needed
- Make sure you are applying for the right courses
- Attend University Open Days
- Ensure your personal statement is of a high standard
- Undertake activities that will give you a better chance of standing out from the crowd
- Get your application in as soon as possible

Jobs and Apprenticeships

- This summer 5 students gained places on high quality apprenticeships – including BT Barnes Construction and Willis Towers
- Students need to start really looking for job and apprenticeship opportunities after Christmas
- We will be looking at applying for jobs, CV and interview technique throughout the year
- We will bring in guest speakers from a range of professions
- Our careers specialist Claire Ladbrook is available on Mondays and Wednesday to support students with next steps