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Year 14 Careers and UCAS Information for 2025 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Building on the Careers provision and guidance your child will have received last year, pupils in Year 14 are currently conducting in-depth research into, and preparation for, their post-18 choices in further education, higher education and the world of work in their weekly Careers lessons. For many pupils, this involves the completion of their UCAS application in order to pursue their chosen course of study at a UK university or other higher education institution.

Your child will have by now received a Year 14 Careers book and a UCAS application booklet from their Careers teacher, which provides comprehensive information and guidance about the UCAS application process, preparing for university life, and other post-18 pathways that they may be considering. While there is some time allocated for pupils to conduct research and to complete sections of the online UCAS application process in Careers lessons, we strongly advise that pupils take time to thoroughly research their options outside of class time to ensure that they are confident in making informed choices about their next steps.

You may find it helpful to discuss your child's intentions for next year with them as you seek to provide support in making important decisions about plans for further study or employment. To this end, attached you will find below link to a 'Parent, Guardian and Carer Guide' provided by UCAS, as well as 'The Aspire Guide', which offers comprehensive information about university, further education and careers.

<https://www.ucas.com/discover/advice-for-parents-guardians-and-carers/parent-guardian-and-carer-guide>

<https://upreach.paperturn-view.com/the-aspire-guide?pid=MjQ246596&p=9&v=4.1>

In order to ensure that a high-quality application is sent to UCAS on time, it is essential that pupils adhere to the deadlines provided by the Careers Department this term. Please encourage your child to carefully follow the guidance provided by Careers staff to ensure that they meet the deadlines for the submission of each component of the UCAS application. Year 14 is a very busy year, so applying for courses as early as possible alleviates pressure on pupils and staff and provides pupils with clear goals to work towards.

May we take this opportunity to wish your child well as they begin A2 Level studies, and we look forward to working with them this year in preparation for the next steps after Year 14.

Yours sincerely,

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