

Year 12 Newsletter

I hope you are all safe and well. As you are aware the Year Team including Mrs Noad and Form tutors have been in contact with home and we are here to support you. In this current climate, we wanted to share some guidance and information about this coming term and take the time to reflect on what will help each of you going forward to achieve your goals with future pathways including university and advanced apprenticeships using your time proactively to research and get prepared. As we write this, we are still in lockdown and schools are still closed with no immediate plans to open.



You will have now missed seeing your friends face to face for six weeks but we are sure you will be communicating just as you always have done. You will also have missed over four weeks of school and lessons. Most of our year group have been keeping up with the work set on ShowMyHomework and have been doing an excellent job.

As we move into this term, it is vital that you get back into a routine. Hopefully, everyone will have a place where they can get on with work without distractions.

Please thank all parents and carers for their feedback on remote learning. Taking this feedback on board, you will notice that the work is now being set per lesson so that you are better able to plan your day to day work and start to build yourself a timetable. We hope you have found this a helpful change. Try as much as possible to hand in work by the hand in date and remember to keep communicating with the teacher - we are all here and willing to help.

Structure, research and routines

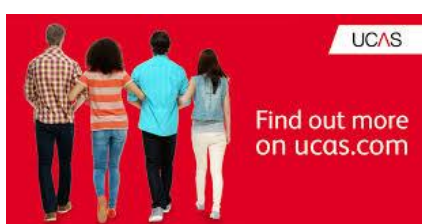
I know that it is easy to lay in bed and stay up later and completely fall out of any routine but it is important for your mental health to keep to some kind of routine. Make sure you follow a timetable and try to find worthwhile tasks to fill the day. It is important that you are keeping up with all work set for your A levels and BTEC to the best of your ability, as well as preparing for your next steps. We have sent out lots of information and guidance to help you researching for your next steps when returned to home learning after the Easter break. There are many online resources you can use for example the online lectures, virtual interactive work experience events and courses as well as MOOCs which you can all tap into upskill yourselves to put you into a strong position going forward. This term is about researching your future university places, sponsored degrees, higher apprenticeships and now is the time to use **unifrog** fully use the websites to explore the possibilities. There are so many opportunities out there, even in lockdown. I would like to congratulate Vraj Pathak who has recently secured a summer school placement at Harvard Summer School for Astrophysics.

You were so brilliant as a year group rising to the Year 12 Haydon Challenge and I am sure using this time despite the challenges will really help to transform and strengthen your future applications.

Exams and Work Experience

Y12 UCAS exams have been postponed but staff will be setting assessments which you should be engaging in. Staff are working hard to set work for you and giving you feedback. Learning at A Level is challenging and we are here to support you. It is important that you keep up with the work – try not to fall behind but if you do have problems, contact the teacher on SMHW. It is important that you are keeping up with all work set for your A levels and BTEC to the best of your ability, as well as preparing for your next steps. There is no work experience taking place this academic year.

UCAS



In June we will begin the UCAS process. All the super curricular activities you have achieved so far which the reading marathon, MOOCs, Community Leadership, competitions, attending virtual university taster lectures will be useful in shaping your personal statement to universities and apprenticeship providers. There is a personal statement tool on unifrog



which is really useful starting point as well as the which university website You should be building a log of everything you have achieved so far and there are plenty of useful videos on Unifrog and the Ucas website to start thinking ahead.

Any concerns

You should have been contacted by the year office or your tutor by now. If you do have any problems, including issues with passwords please do not hesitate to contact them. If you have technical problems, contact the IT department on ict@haydonschool.org.uk

I know this is an unsettling time for us all and some of you are facing challenges but try and look at this time as an opportunity and not lost time. Do not waste this time that you have. Look at useful resources signposted on the next page as an opportunity to reflect and take this time to explore.

Best wishes

Miss Mead and Mrs Noad

don't **LIMIT** your Challenges
Challenge your **LIMITS**

Useful Resources



Resources & Links

Interactive work experience

We're used to running world class residential work experience events for students interested in healthcare careers but whilst we all wait patiently for life as we know it to return to normal we've decided to offer students the chance to take part in an exciting interactive TV event - perfect for all students with a passion for medicine, biology and the human body of any age.

All students need to do is join us between May 25th and May 29th 2020 for a series of interactive specials about medicine and the human body.

It would be great if you could let your students know about these live events that they can take part in from the comfort of their homes - all you need to do is direct them here to find out more and enrol on the course:

<https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/anatomy-lab-live-online-event-may-20th-25th-2020>

[Royal Academy Family 'How to'...](#)

Inspired by the RA's world class exhibitions, leading artists and architects and Collection, [here](#) you can find a range of creative activities for you and your family.

Learn How to make a stop frame animation, How to photograph, paint or collage a portrait, or How to collage colourful magnets and so much more with the RA's step by step guides!

National Theatre – enjoy world class theatre for free. Each week the national theatre puts on one performance to stream in Youtube for seven days. These are great resources for students studying English or the performing Arts. Shows have included One Man, Two Guvnors, Jayne Eyre, Treasure Island, Twelfth Night. Frankenstein is currently available. Every Thursday at 7pm a new performance is available. Next week Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra

Netflix have released a range of documentaries which offer some brilliant programmes which encompass a whole range of topics for many subjects for example from exploring environmental science to the economy.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvahqwmqN4M0GRkZY8WkLZMb6Z-W7qbLA>

Useful Websites

<https://www.unifrog.org/>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

<https://www.myheplus.com/>

<https://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk/sponsored-degrees-uk/>

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/>

<https://www.which.co.uk/tools/personal-statement-builder/>.

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