

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you and your family are safe and well in these challenging circumstances. I also hope that your son/daughter has been able to access the lessons online and are coping ok with the transition again to home learning. It has been pleasing to see that on the whole Yr12 attendance has been high in the first two weeks of this current lock down. I do really appreciate your continued support in encouraging your son/daughter to attend all lessons promptly. If you have any concerns or issues in regards to your son/daughter's home learning please do contact their Form tutor or myself via email so we can give additional support.

I want to draw your attention to the YR12 Future's week which is taking place next week from Monday 25th-Friday 29th January. This is an important week in helping students in their planning for their future after sixth form. Ideally this would all be delivered face to face but as this is now not possible, all information will be delivered online. I have outlined the programme for the week below. I would appreciate it if you could reinforce the importance of all students watching the online videos and attending any relevant virtual events. I would also recommend that as parents/carers you also watch the videos, especially outlining higher education and apprenticeship routes. You are also encouraged to attend any of the virtual events with your children during the week.

Future's week Timetable

Monday 25th January

Online Video Assembly - Your Future (Introducing Future's Week) - Available on SMH from 8am

Tuesday 26th January

Online Video - Why consider University and how do you apply? - Available on SMH from 8am

Virtual Aspiring Medics Workshop 6pm - For students (and parents) interested in applying for medicine courses. This will be led by Shivam Chauhan (Haydon Head Boy 2018) who is a medical student and currently the senior manager for the company Medic Mind.

Students have been asked to complete the following form if they are interested and joining instructions will be emailed directly to students on the day.

(<https://forms.gle/FE46CxR4UMeb8WkSA>)

Wednesday 27th January

Online Video - Why consider apprenticeships and how do you apply? - Available on SMH from 8am

After watching this video if students think they might be interested in Apprenticeship, they will be encouraged to complete a google form to express their interest and this will be shared with our Careers Advisor - Ms Nizzar, who will then begin to arrange introductory online appointments with these students.

Virtual Uni and Apprenticeship fair - 12.00-6.00pm - This free event will feature universities and colleges from across the UK as well as ten live webinars on essential topics such as UCAS personal statements, clearing, and student finance.

Students do not attend for all 6 hours, but will be given an activity sheet to help guide them to make the event as meaningful as possible. It would be beneficial to register for this event before the day, which you can do here:

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/virtual-fair-4>

Thursday 28th January

Launch of Unifrog - Online introduction video. Unifrog is the online platform we use in school to help students explore careers/courses, search for universities/apprenticeship vacancies and support with writing CV's and Personal Statements. Students will receive a welcome email from Unifrog in their school email inbox. The video will be available from 8am on SMH

Virtual Oxbridge information evening 6pm - This will be run by representatives from Oxford University and some of their student ambassadors. It will give guidance on the application process for Oxbridge.

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Friday 29th January

Online Video - How to search for courses and shortlist universities using Unifrog? - Available on SMH from 8am

I do hope this week will be very helpful for both you and your children in helping them to consider their next steps. If you have any immediate questions about the week please email me rhayden1.312@lgflmail.org.

All school produced videos will be available after the week on the school website if you or your child miss a session for whatever reason. If after Future's week, you or your son/daughter has further questions please in the first instance please contact their Form Tutor, who will be guiding them through the process over the course of the next year.

I have also attached some guidance on next steps for after the Future's week and key dates to be aware of for your information and to help you further support you son/daughter over the coming months.

Many thanks for your continued support

Yours Sincerely

Rob Hayden