



MLJ/LMS

26 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you regarding the next steps for your student as part of our careers and university progression guidance. For students that are hoping to study at university, there are three main pathways that they can follow. Please see the details and important deadlines they need to adhere to.

**1. Early Entry UCAS Students**

These students are applying for university courses with an October 15 deadline

**2. Later Entry UCAS Students**

These are students who are applying for university courses with a January 25 deadline

**3. Apprenticeship and students who intend to go straight into employment**

Students in this cohort need to check the bulletin weekly for upcoming opportunities. They will receive ongoing support and information throughout the school year. They are recommended to go to the following websites on a regular basis:

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

**Personal statements**

As part of our progression programme we ask all students to write a personal statement irrespective of the pathway they wish to follow. The final deadline for this is **26 September**. This information can then be tailored for a number of different applications the students wish to undertake.

- Early entry students need to upload their references to UCAS by 26 September
- All other students need to upload their references to UCAS by 25 November

Form tutors have been checking early entry students' personal statements during up to the 26 September. All other statements will be checked before the 25 November deadline.

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## UCAS application

We would like all students to write a UCAS application even if they currently intend to follow a different pathway. This is because every year, once students have received their grades, they decide they do want to attend university. By applying with the rest of their cohort, they will receive support with their application.

Early entry students need to have completed, submitted and paid for their application by **26 September 2022**. They should have completed the education section by **Friday 16 September 2022**

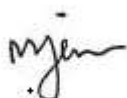
All other students also need to have completed the application by **26 September**, then submitted and paid for their application by **3 January 2023**. Students with a January deadline will have time to improve their personal statement and add to their UCAS application until 3 January 2023.

Students have been given instructions on how to complete these, invited to UCAS support sessions and Form Tutors have been helping check the application prior to submission.

## Our role in the UCAS process

Whilst students are completing their personal statements and applications, staff within school are working towards writing references and checking their applications. The UCAS application deadlines have been set to give the school time to add the references to your child's application in time for the final UCAS deadline.

Yours sincerely,



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