

23rd January 2018

Year 13 Next Steps in Post 18 Transition

Dear Year 13 student and parent or carer,

Students should be using the time between now and Easter to ensure that they have taken appropriate action regarding their post 18 options.

University applications

Students applying for university entry in the autumn of 2018 should now have completed their UCAS application, the external deadline for which was 15th January, and be using UCAS Track to monitor their offers.

Students are still able to apply to university, but these applications will be marked as late and may not be given the same consideration as those meeting the January deadline. Students wishing to make a late application should make an appointment with our Guidance Manager, Carolyn, to access further support.

UCAS Next Steps and Student Finance Talk

6pm-7pm, Thursday 8th February, Main School Hall

This presentation will cover receiving and replying to offers and applying for student finance and is essential for all students who have applied to university this year.

Other Important dates:

31st March – the majority of universities will have responded to offers by this date

2nd May – if students have received all their offers by 31st March, they must respond by this date

3rd May – universities must have responded to offers by this date

31st May – Deadline for Student Finance Applications

Apprenticeship Applications

Students intending on applying for an apprenticeship should now be registered on the national apprenticeship website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>. We recommend that students sign up for regular vacancy alerts via e-mail. In addition to this, students might like to sign up to local and industry specific job search sites and to apply to local training providers and colleges.

There will be regular CV and job application skills workshops running in the Sixth Form on a Wednesday during lesson 5 and individual appointments are available with Carolyn for students requiring further support.

Other routes

Students making other applications or planning a Gap Year can make an appointment with Carolyn to discuss the support they require.

It is important that all students continue to monitor their progress with regards to their future aspirations; as part of this process there will be a parents' evening on **Thursday 15th March**. Individual appointments should be made nearer the time; students are expected to attend with their parents. Following this there will be a progress report sent home on 29th March. Tutors and teaching staff will continue to offer ongoing discussions around progress in lessons and one to one tutor meetings.

If you have any questions regarding Post 18 options, please contact Carolyn Hammond on hammond.c@framdurham.com. For questions or concerns regarding student progress please contact me through the school office or at mersh-roberts.l@framdurham.com.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Mersh-Roberts', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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