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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Next Steps

Over the past few months your child has received advice from outside providers on their future pathway through our visit to the Farnborough Convention, our Careers Day, and Enrichment sessions. We hope that these opportunities have started to provide your child with more insight into the options that are open to them post-18, whether their interests lie in a university course, an apprenticeship or a job application.

In order that we are able to fully support students with their post-18 options, we provide two **Post 18 Options days for Year 12, the second of which is on Wednesday 15 July**. The day will begin with registration at 8.35am and finish at 3.20pm as usual. Over the course of the day, students will have the opportunity to experience a range of activities which will enable them to receive information, advice and guidance related to their next steps beyond school.

Every student will have access to a Personal Statement Guide and a UCAS Apply Guide so that they can log on to the UCAS website and begin to complete their personal and academic details on the online application form. University is not the choice all students wish to make, and we will therefore be offering advice on other post-18 options such as apprenticeships, further education and the world of work. A specialist Careers Advisor will be on hand to offer students personalised advice and guidance related to life beyond school, including information on CV writing and interview techniques. If your child would like to organise a private appointment with our school Careers Advisor, at any other time, they can do this through the Sixth Form Office.

All students who are applying for a place at university are required to write a Personal Statement. Students are often not required to attend an interview; the Personal Statement is therefore a vital part of the application process. With this in mind, all students should begin work on their applications and Personal Statements as soon as possible in order that they are able to receive advice on initial drafts before the summer holiday.

The school's deadline for all UCAS applications to be sent, via UCAS, to the school is Thursday 10 December. The deadline for students who wish to apply for the Oxbridge university or dentistry, medical or veterinary courses is **Thursday 15 October**. These deadlines will allow us time to check your child's application before it is finally submitted to UCAS.

Yours sincerely

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