

## Kick Start YOUR Future

### Student Help Sheet

It is about this time in your journey of Sixth Form, where we start to look at the future and how and what you will be doing over the next few years, once you have left the Birchwood gates. You have many choices to make and it is important that you start now!

All the resources that you need to get you started are held in your 'Locker' in Unifrog. I am sure you are starting to realise if you have not already that, Unifrog is an essential resource that you will need to be using frequently to help you over the upcoming weeks and months ahead.

During the remainder of the term and over the summer, you need to complete the following activities regardless of what you are planning to do in the future.

- 1) **Register to UCAS** (this is the portal of how you apply to university) - some of you are reading this and thinking; I'm definitely not going to University, I'm going to do an apprenticeship or get a job in the City. In the past that might have been completely acceptable but in the current uncertain climate, going to university is a good choice.
- 2) **How to write a 'personal statement'** – you will need to complete this process for, university applications, applying for jobs, or accessing higher degree apprenticeships etc.
- 3) **Exploring Pathways** – In this activity, you will be able to find out what opportunities are available to you and how you would go about pursuing and accessing these career directions.

With the additional time that you are having out of school, it makes complete sense to get on top of this now. When you return in the near future, the pressure is going to be on and the stress of your next steps is the last thing you want to be holding you back.

In the first few days in September (dates and times to be confirmed), you will spend time with your Form Tutor, going through and showing them what your intentions are. It will be so important that in the one to one that you have a clear focus or firm ideas of your direction of travel.

You will also need to show evidence that you have registered to UCAS, have a version / most up to date draft of your personal statement so that you can get valuable feedback from your tutor. Your Form Tutor will be responsible for collating all of your subject teacher's references so they need to know what your thoughts are and allow them to draw together a clear and accurate description of you and how suitable you will be for your next steps.

If over the next few weeks, you are unsure of what to do, make sure you get in touch with firstly, your Form Tutor and if they can't help and then ask either – Mrs Crimes, Mr Clift or myself.

I cannot emphasise how important it is that you start today with YOUR future, be positive, think big and make every minute count.

Kind Regards

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