



# THE COOPERS' COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL

*Love as Brethren*

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## **BEYOND 18 LAUNCH: Week: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s)

It will soon be time for your daughter/son to start thinking about what he/she is going to do once A level studies are finished. To help students through this next round of decision-making, we have arranged for the year group to have a day off-timetable to reflect and learn about opportunities that are available to them.

Throughout Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, students will gain initial advice on the process of applying to university and the options open to them in the world of work. This is an invaluable opportunity for them and will put them in a better position to make educated choices over the next 6-12 months. We hope it will also give them a renewed focus in their academic studies.

In any ordinary year we would invite all parents/carers into school to listen to a series of speakers who will guide you through the 'Beyond 18' journey and the various opportunities available to your son/daughter. However, this year, this presentation will be offered 'virtually' to you during the week of 7<sup>th</sup> February, via a pre-recorded webinar. A letter will be sent home to you on this date with a link to the presentation.

Later this term your son/daughter will also receive the first part of their bespoke 'Beyond 18' pack. We will be asking them to bring this pack home and share it with you.

In the pack you will find:

- **PIXL 'Getting into Top Universities' resource and PIXL Reading Lists** – these are excellent resources. We will be using them in tutor time, with your son/daughter in the run up to the internal examinations. If your son/daughter is looking to apply to university, then they should be taking on board the advice in this publication.
- **Paths to Careers: A Parent's Guide** –this will help you to understand the range of employment opportunities available after Year 13.
- **School Leaver 200**: 200 most popular employers for school leavers. This resource provides a superb overview of the myriad of employment opportunities available with some of the top UK and international companies.
- **A Course Ideas Generator** – to assist your son/daughter in considering which course to study at university.
- **The Apply Brochure** – this is an invaluable 80-page guide to university/world of work. We will be using this in tutor time for the next 6 weeks.

- **UCAS Parents' Guide** – a brilliant guide about the university application process. Please note that this guide hasn't yet been updated for your son/daughter's application cycle and that the dates will obviously change. A new guide should be available online soon.

UCAS have developed an excellent parent resource section, which I would encourage you to review:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>

Much of this information can be found on our school website:  
<https://www.cooperscoborn.org.uk/6th-form-useful-links/>

In late June, we will go into more detail with your son/daughter about how to apply to university, with our second 'Beyond 18 Day'. This will include: practical sessions on writing CVs and Personal Statements, start-up sessions on the UCAS online process (for those applying to university), a range of focus sessions allowing your son/daughter to find out more about different career paths and subject areas. This day is also important as it provides Form Tutors with information for the reference which the school will provide universities/employers in academic year 2022-23.

We hope that this will be preceded by a University Open Day when we take all students to visit a university campus in London/Essex. This event includes: representatives from a range of universities, the opportunity to ask questions, find out about courses and job opportunities, living accommodation etc., talks on a range of topics including student finance, making applications etc.

We also have a virtual 'Meet the Tutor' session, where you can meet with your son/daughter's Form Tutor. This takes place in July. At this meeting you can discuss the likely plan after Coopers' Coborn and we can advise on the specific steps your son/daughter should be taking over the summer.

I hope this letter reassures you that we are committed to providing the very best opportunities for your son/daughter.

Yours faithfully



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