



THE COOPERS' COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL

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Re: BEYOND 18 PACK

Dear parent(s)/carer(s)

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year! As we approach the end of Year 12, we have such an important seven weeks ahead, with internal examinations taking place and the formative stage of our 'Beyond 18' programme beginning in earnest.

June/July is this time of year when students really need to start to consider their next steps and life beyond Coopers' Coborn. With this in mind, on Wednesday your son/daughter will be provided with an extensive 'Beyond 18 Pack' which includes the following:

- **PIXL 'Getting into Top Universities' resource and PIXL Reading Lists** – these are excellent resources. 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.
- **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.
- **UniTaster Days**: A Parents' Guide to University 2022 – excellent advice from over 25 of the top universities in the UK

The pack is to be used over the coming months in supporting students as they look to undertake the 'Beyond 18' process at the school. It covers a wealth of information whether they are looking towards a UCAS application, a career or even a year out. Early next week, students will also be given access to an important online tool referred to as 'The Aspirations' programme – they will be completing this over the coming 5 weeks, working with their Form Tutor, so that the crucial references can be provided in September.

We are hoping that your son/daughter will use the pack in conjunction with mentoring that their Form Tutor undertakes and will use it to engage with you as they embark on exciting choices over the coming months. As parents, much of the information will also be of use to you.

The next stage of the 'Beyond 18' process includes:

Tomorrow: Visit to the UCAS Convention at The University of East London (UEL)

This will include:

- Representatives from a range of employers and 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.

Wednesday 6th July: Beyond 18 Day – in school

All Year 12 students will be off timetable for the day in order to further develop the process of preparing for what comes next after A Levels.

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 students to find out more about different career paths and subject areas
- Time with Form Tutors to provide essential information for the school reference.

Wednesday 20th July: Activities Week visit to either Octopus Energy or Queen Mary, University of London

This day has been designed to provide students with further in-depth information regarding their 'priority' pathway for life after Year 13. University applicants will spend a day with staff and students at Queen Mary, University of London, whilst the job-seekers will visit this key employer to learn about employment skills as well as application processes.

I hope this letter reassures you that we have a detailed programme in place to support your son/daughter and we are committed to supporting every student, whatever the pathway they intend to take.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Bell
Deputy Head