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## **BEYOND 18 LAUNCH AND PARENT/CARER EVENT**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

It will soon be time for your son/daughter to start thinking about what they are 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 to reflect and learn about the opportunities that are available to them.

Throughout Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, students will gain 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 18 months. We will then have another in-depth day in mid-June with an additional Beyond 18 Day.

We would also like to invite you to a set of evening presentations. These will ensure that you are best placed to support your son/daughter in the decisions they will be making over the coming months. Please note that we are not able to accommodate students for the evening talk, as they will have received much of the information during the day, however we can accommodate two adults per year 12 student.

The evening will start at 7pm in the Main Theatre (above reception). The provisional agenda for the evening is as follows:

- 7.00 Welcome: Mrs Marshall  
(Head of Year 12)
- 7.15 Lois Braysher: Applying to university  
(Higher Education Advisor: The University of East Anglia)
- 7.45 Mrs King: Applying for employment roles  
(Head of Careers)
- 8.15 Close

The evening promises to be very informative and I do hope you will make time to come along; Mr Bell (Deputy Head: Director of 6<sup>th</sup> Form) is unable to attend the evening, as he is out of the country on a school trip.

We also wanted to take the opportunity to sign-post some invaluable resources to you. We would strongly encourage you to take some time to review these as they are useful in supporting conversations that you will be having at home about possible future pathways. Your son/daughter will be receiving hard copies of many of these resources:



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- [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.
- [Rate My Apprenticeship 100](#): 100 top apprenticeships 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.

UCAS have developed an excellent parent resource section, which I would encourage you to review – [click here](#)

There is also a monthly parent/carer newsletter; again, we would encourage you to sign up – [click here](#)

## The 'Beyond 18' Pathways

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As part of the launch of 'Beyond 18' all students in year 12 must 'virtually' sign up to at least one of the following 'online pathways':

- 'University' Delivered by Mr Bell and Mrs Marshall
- 'Employment' Delivered by Mrs King
- 'Oxbridge' Delivered by Mr Bell
- 'NHS' Delivered by Mr Bell, Mrs King and Miss Popperwell

Four new 'Google Classrooms' have been created, representing the four most in-demand Beyond 18 pathways. Your son/daughter will be asked to join the Google Classrooms, related to the pathways that they are interested in pursuing. All this information will be shared with them on 27<sup>th</sup> February. It will be via these Google Classrooms that we look to deliver our programme of support, resources and information over the coming 6 months; it is therefore of the utmost importance that your son/daughter signs up to at least one pathway by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – at the very latest.

Some students may be joining two, or even three pathways depending on what their future aspirations are. We recommend that students keep their options open as long as possible and therefore consider joining both 'University' and 'Employment'. These Google Classrooms will enable us to streamline our communications and make them more directly relevant to your son/daughter's aspirations. Additionally, if you have signed up to 'Google Guardian' then you will be able to see the information that is posted on a weekly basis. The existing Year 12 Google Classroom will therefore only be used for pastoral purposes moving forward.



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## Upcoming information:

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In June, we will go into more detail with your son/daughter about how to apply to university, with our second 'Beyond 18 Day' which takes place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This will include: practical sessions on writing CVs and Personal Statements, start-up sessions on the UCAS online process (for those applying to university) and 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 2024-25.

This will be preceded on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June with 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.

A final reminder...

As [previously communicated](#), during the last week of the summer term (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 19<sup>st</sup> July) all students in Year 12 will be completing work shadowing. It is important that all students in Year 12 complete the work shadowing form so that the school is able to make contact with the placement employer. Any students who have failed to secure a work shadowing placement will spend the last week of term in July with the Sixth Form Pastoral Team. [link to the Google Form](#)

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

Yours faithfully

Mr R Bell  
Deputy Head

Mrs J Marshall  
Head of Year 12