

ETHOS OF EXCELLENCE

From the start of this final academic term, subject staff will no longer be setting classwork for any year 13 groups. Instead, in order to help continue their love of learning, and in the absence of preparation for examinations, we have put together various opportunities for self-study and reflection. The aim is to both help prepare them for their next stage of education and to maintain a thirst for knowledge.

In keeping with our core values, the learning managers, Directors of Learning and pastoral support assistants (PSA) will still be available to offer support and care for all students during this time. The wellbeing of all our students is a priority and we will continue to carry out wellbeing checks and be in regular communication via the Year 13 classroom.

As a school, we encourage a healthy balance between preparing for the next stage in education and looking after their wellbeing. Some ways in which students can support their wellbeing can include exercise, yoga, cooking, baking, keeping a journal or vlog, playing/learning a musical instrument and many more. Some useful links can be found on the student hub under the wellbeing tab.



For all students:

Resource	Link
Managing your money: This is a skill for life. This free Open University course will give you the confidence and tools to be in control whether you are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● still studying at school or college● starting work or an apprenticeship● going to university	https://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-business/personal-finance/managing-my-money-young-adults/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab
MOOCs Check out any of the MOOCs on unifrog (you need to sign in to access)	https://www.unifrog.org/student/moocs/topics
UCAS Wide variety of information relating to university applications and apprenticeships	https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate

For those planning on going to University:

Resource	Link
<p>Preparing for University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questioning in a university environment ● Links between independent study, revision and reading skills ● Using and acknowledging the work of others through referencing ● Data and its applicability to university study ● Textual analysis and how literary texts are studied ● Structuring thoughts and ideas and its importance at university level 	<p>https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/preparing-for-uni</p> <p>https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how</p> <p>Student Finance - https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/student-life/getting-student-support/undergraduate-student-finance-and-support</p>
<p>Preparing for university: 10 tips This has links to other aspects of preparing for university.</p>	<p>https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/preparing-for-university/freshers-week-prepare-for-university-10-ways</p>

For those planning on completing an apprenticeship:

Resource	Link
Applying and preparing for your apprenticeship.	<p>https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships</p> <p>https://www.unifrog.org/student/apprenticeships/start</p> <p>https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how</p> <p>https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/world-of-work</p>
Using a range of career tools to help you with your choices on careers, training and work.	<p>https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/</p>
If you have already secured your apprenticeship position. Tips to make the most of your Apprenticeship.	<p>https://www.acttraining.org.uk/news/2017/12/08/new-apprentices-tips-to-make-the-most-of-your-apprenticeship/</p>

For those planning on completing a gap year:

Resource	Link
Gap years – ideas and things to think about.	<p>https://www.ucas.com/alternatives/gap-year/gap-years-ideas-and-things-think-about</p> <p>https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/gap-year</p>
Gap year advice & planning Insights & tips to help ensure a gap experience works for you	<p>https://yearoutgroup.org/gap-year-advice-planning/</p>