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Dear Parents

YEAR 13 UCAS APPLICATIONS

Year 13 students were registered on the UCAS Apply system during the summer term and received advice and guidance on completion of the personal statement. Applications will begin to be submitted shortly. The cost of an application is £18 for a single choice or £24 for 2-5 choices.

Early applicants

Those applying for Oxford or Cambridge universities, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Dentistry need to have their applications completed by Monday 24 September, including finalising their personal statement with a member of the Sixth Form Office.

This date allows for the school's actions following submission to be completed in a timely manner and to reach UCAS by the 15 October deadline.

Other applicants

Whilst it is possible for applications to be submitted throughout the year, to be given first consideration for places, applications will need to arrive by 15 January. We have always found it beneficial to submit well before this date and are recommending to students that they have their applications finalised for Monday 5 November. Applicants usually start to receive responses straightaway, creating a 'buzz' around the school which is exciting to be part of, and secure offers which may not be available to later applicants.

Some will need to register with Mrs Glasson for entrance exams as part of the admissions criteria for their course (with appropriate fee if relevant) and it is recommended that they do this as soon as possible. **This year many of the extra tests are being held on 31 October which is during half term.** Increasingly others may need to submit other documentation direct to a university by a specific date. Please note that registering for any extra testing required or submission of additional material is the responsibility of the student.

UCAS grades

Universities place great store in the accuracy of a school's predicted grades which is why the results of the summer examinations provide the evidence to form the foundation of these. This year teaching staff will be asked to forecast an aspirational grade for UCAS applications alone; however their attainment grades will be recorded in the normal way and may of course be different. These will be made available to students towards the end of September.

If your child is undecided about career plans please encourage them to make an appointment to explore options as soon as possible. If you would like further information about the process please go to www.he-parents.co.uk

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. A. Armstrong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Mrs Sally Armstrong
HE and Careers Adviser