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Dear Parents/Guardians

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 £20 for a single choice or £25 for 2-5 choices.

Early Applicants

Those applying for Oxford or Cambridge universities, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Dentistry are all aware of the need to have their applications completed this week, including finalising their personal statement with a member of the Sixth Form Office, which they have all been doing.

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 4 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 30 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. 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 around the beginning of October.

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.

We will be holding a briefing for parents on Student Finance in the Spring Term; however please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

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

Mrs Sally Armstrong
Careers Leader & Adviser