



Dear Parent/Carer

## **RE: Supporting Students with their Next Steps**

As a parent/carer, we understand that you want to offer support as your young person plans for their next steps after college, but that is easier said than done when everything is constantly changing!

Going to university or starting an apprenticeship is a big step but please be assured that we have lots of experience in supporting students to achieve their goals and we are ready to answer any questions you have.

Attending university open days and apprenticeship events can make a significant difference in helping young people to make decisions about their next steps as they can meet with their future tutors or employers and imagine themselves in their future roles. Some universities are still providing virtual open days this autumn due to Covid restrictions, and we would encourage you to join these events if the face-to-face events are not yet available.

### **University**

Students can visit individual university websites to find information about open events, or they can use search tools such as those provided below:

**UCAS Open Day Search** - <http://bit.ly/UCASOpenDay>

**What Uni Open Day Search** - <https://bit.ly/3HfZCaI>

**Local University Open Days** - <https://bit.ly/3ciaUwg>

The University of Hull are offering free transport to their next open day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, picking up and dropping back off at the college. If you have not yet attended a university open day, this may be a good opportunity. For more information, please see the flyer enclosed at the end of this letter.

To help you stay informed, UCAS also provide some useful resources for parents and carers on their website to support their young people, including a regular parent newsletter:

**UCAS Parent & Guardian Newsletter** - <http://bit.ly/UCASParentAdvice>

## Apprenticeships

If students are considering applying for apprenticeships, UCAS also provide a helpful search tool:

**UCAS Careers Tool** - <https://bit.ly/3kutTbZ>

Year 13 students attend weekly tutorials with their Progress Tutor who will guide your young person through the UCAS application procedure for university admissions and/or the process to apply for an apprenticeship; students can keep all their options open at this stage and make final decisions during the summer term. An Apprenticeship Fair will be held for students on site in college on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 10am-1pm with representatives present from 15 employers/providers. This event will be held in the Students' Union.

## Contact

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the Careers team in college:

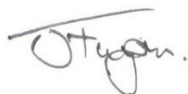
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Yours faithfully



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## Key Dates

<b>18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021</b>	<b>Apprenticeship Fair</b> Apprenticeship Fair in the Students' Union with up to 15 recruiting local employers.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2021</b>	<b>UCAS Internal Deadline</b> Internal deadline for all UCAS applications to be submitted to Progress Tutors. Progress Tutors will still accept applications after this deadline, but students should try to aim to meet this deadline to enable staff to provide a high level of support and quality feedback.
<b>26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022</b>	<b>UCAS deadline for all applications</b> Students are still able to submit applications after this deadline, however UCAS recommend that they contact the university to see if they have places on their courses. Students can also apply directly to local FE Colleges who offer higher education courses.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022</b>	<b>Apprenticeship Evening for Year 13 Parents &amp; Carers</b> This evening will provide information about the types of apprenticeships available and how to apply for apprenticeships.
<b>FEBRUARY 2022</b>	<b>Student Finance opens for applications</b> Applications for student finance usually open around February. Students will receive information about how to apply in early 2022.
<b>MARCH 2022</b>	<b>Next Steps for HE (Year 13 Parents and Carers) with the University of Hull</b> This evening will provide information about preparing to go to university, with opportunities to hear from other parents who have recently been through the process.
<b>30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022</b>	<b>Final deadline for late applications</b> After this date and up until 29 <sup>th</sup> September, students can still apply late for courses starting in 2022, however instead of choosing courses students will be entered into 'Clearing'.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022</b>	<b>Responding to offers</b> If students receive their offers by the 19 <sup>th</sup> May, they need to respond with their 'firm' and 'insurance' choices by the 9 <sup>th</sup> June. If they miss this UCAS deadline they are likely to lose their offer and may have to apply through clearing.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022</b>	<b>Results Day</b> UCAS Track opens, and students will be notified if they have successfully gained a place at their chosen university.



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