

June 2017



Queen Elizabeth School

Y12 Higher Education Preparation

Dear Parents,

Now that Year 12 students have returned after study leave there are a series of events supporting applications to Higher Education. Some of these will run in school and together with PD will allow students to research courses and institutions and make a start on completing their application forms via the UCAS website. We are taking the whole year group to the UCAS Convention in Carlisle and students will be given the relevant forms on Thursday.

Friday 16th June, Introduction to HE Immersion Day

The whole of Year 12 is taken off timetable for the day to participate in a series of workshops. Our students spend the afternoon with their form tutors, logging on to the UCAS site and beginning the process of researching courses and universities.

Monday 19th June

You are invited to attend an HE information evening that we will be holding from 6pm in the main hall at QES. We will be explaining the application process and finance arrangements along with some advice about guiding our students through the UCAS system.

17th to 30th June, Manchester, Newcastle and Leeds University Open Days

Alternatively there are many other university open days that students might need to attend. For further information about these go to <http://www.opendays.com/> or the individual university websites.

Friday 30th June, UCAS Convention Carlisle

The UCAS Convention gives our students the opportunity to meet representatives from Universities around the country and to discuss courses, entry requirements, student life and societies with admissions tutors and current undergraduates. All of year 12 are expected to go and the transport costs will be £10.00 and will include insurance. We will leave school at 10am and return at 1.15pm. Please make sure you return the reply slip with payment and the green form as soon as possible when you receive it.

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28th and 29th June, Oxford Open Days
6th and 7th July, Cambridge Open Days

Those students who are considering applying to Oxbridge should take the opportunity to visit either Oxford or Cambridge for the University Open Days. For further advice see Mr Rushton.

Other important dates for your diary:

15th October: UCAS deadline for applications to Oxford and Cambridge or those who are applying for medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine. NOTE that QES require students applying for these courses need to have completed their forms by **23rd September** to allow us to check the applications and attach references.

Wednesday 18th October, Internal deadline for completion of UCAS applications for students who have made their choices.

It is essential that for every foreseeable absence such as a university Open Day, students bring in letters from home and see the teachers of the classes they will miss ahead of time.

Please note that we are aware that some of our Year 12 students will not wish to go on to further study in Higher Education. While our initial focus is on Higher Education as the UCAS deadlines loom soon after students return in Year 13, we do also provide help and support for students with other aspirations including a range of specific careers advice and guidance which includes information about apprenticeships and college courses.

I appreciate that this can be a fraught time for students as they begin to go through the process but please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any issues. As ever, it is important that we work in partnership to best support the young people in our care.

Yours sincerely

Peter Rushton
Deputy Director of Sixth Form

Higher Education Preparations 2017

Student:

Form:

- I will/will not be attending the Parents' HE information Evening (19th June)

Signed:

Date: