

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Our work to prepare Year 12 students for higher education and degree apprenticeships traditionally begins in the summer term. If we were in school as normal, our programme of activities was due to start this week and would have been as follows:

UCAS and Apprenticeship Application Work:

- **7th May** - Rob Rattray, Leeds Beckett University talk on, 'how to choose and apply to the right university and course.'
- **w/c 18th May** – All students to register with UCAS.
- **21st May - Post-18 Information Evening for Parents, Carers and Students** (with guest speakers including Manchester Metropolitan University and ASK).
- **w/c 1st June** - Personal Statement Writing Guidance.
- **Friday 5th June** – Deadline for students to complete UCAS application (except 'choices' and 'personal statement').
- **29th June** - Visit to UA92 University.
- **30th June** - Deadline to submit first draft of personal statement to Form Tutors.
- **7th July** – Visit to Edge Hill University.

We will stick to this programme as closely as possible, sharing information and guidance to students, parents and carers digitally via: email, ClassCharts, Edulink and the school website.

- The programme will begin with an online presentation from Rob Rattray from Leeds Beckett University, which will be distributed shortly. Rob has worked in the Higher Education Sector for over 20 years and is the UK Vice-Chair for the Higher Education Liaison Officer's Association (HELOA). He has kindly offered to answer your questions either via a 'Zoom' drop-in service, or email.

All Year 12 students considering an apprenticeship in the 6th form will have a 1:1 meeting with Anne Parkins, the Connexions Adviser at Altrincham College. These meetings usually take place towards the end of Year 12 and again in Year 13, however Anne will arrange these meetings when we return to school. If you have any queries, please contact her at: aps@altrinchamcollege.com

- Our trips to UA92 and Edge Hill have been cancelled, however we hope that we will be able to arrange at least one university campus visit for the autumn term. In the mean time, most universities are holding 'virtual' open days for students. More information can be found [here](#). We encourage students to book onto at least one virtual open day. Please bear in mind that for some universities, places at these events are limited.

Please note that **all students are required to complete a UCAS application**, even if they are unsure if they want to go to university. This is because students may change their minds and having a tutor reference and writing a personal statement is useful for apprenticeship and employment applications.

If you have any queries, please contact the school's UCAS Adviser, Mrs Court:
<mailto:cct@altrinchamcollege.com>.

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