



12 February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 12 UCAS Higher Education Convention – Monday 23 March 2020 – ExCel, London

I am writing to give you details of this year's UCAS Higher Education Convention for Year 12 students being held at the ExCel, London Docklands, details of which can be found via <https://www.ucas.com/events/london-higher-education-exhibition-2020-353071>

We are delighted to offer our students an independent opportunity to research the numerous higher education opportunities and to assess the best option for them at the end of their time in the 6th form as a number of institutions and professional organisations will be represented. Students will have the opportunity to talk to admissions tutors, students, apprenticeship providers and members of the armed forces, who can provide information and advice on their future choice of course, institution of study and career options. Seminars will be running during the day on topics such as 'Applying through UCAS', 'Student Life' and 'Finance'. Alongside universities, information, seminars and representatives will also be available from apprenticeship providers and employers.

Please note that on this occasion students are expected to make their own way to and from the ExCel Centre and at their own expense, should they wish to attend. **Absence to attend the event will be authorised as long as we are made aware in advance through return of the parent permission slip by the deadline of 13 March, 2020.**

As parents and carers there is much you can do to support your child with his/her future pathway. You may wish to join them at the UCAS convention, but if this is not possible, then I can recommend the UCAS website <https://www.ucas.com/> and the UCAS Hub, which is a valuable resource for information regarding higher education, degree apprenticeships and careers. We actively encourage our sixth form students to independently research the opportunities available to them so that they can undertake preparation for next steps when we launch our year 13 Next Steps programme in the summer term. At this point, you might want to consider supporting your child with attending university open days so that they can consider the array of universities and courses. Permission to attend university open days and taster days will be authorised with the booking ticket emailed directly to me as evidence.

There is also an array of websites that can offer support and advice for those looking for apprenticeship opportunities including:

National Apprenticeship: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Not Going To Uni <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

Heathrow Jobs and Careers Fayre <https://www.heathrow.com/company/careers/heathrow-jobs-and-careers-fair>

After half term, Mrs McKay our in-house careers adviser will also be running drop in support sessions on Mondays 3.15-4.15pm in C11 or break 2 on a Tuesday afternoon. This is for advice on CV writing, apprenticeship applications etc.

Please also be aware that students are regularly sent via their student email any opportunities that may arise throughout the term such as university summer schools, job and apprenticeship opportunities and seminars that can only be of value to them as they venture into the next step of their education.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries regarding this trip and support for future pathways: c.luurtsema@coxgreen.com .

Yours sincerely



Carole Luurtsema
Sixth Form Mentor

PERMISSION SLIP

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Student's Name: _____
(please print)

Tutor Group: _____

- I give my permission for my child to attend the Year 12 UCAS Higher Higher Education Convention on Monday 23 March, 2020. I understand they will attend this independently with/without me and will be responsible for any expense.

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Please return your permission slip to Carole Luurtsema by 13 March, 2020

Failure to return this permission slip, will result in unauthorised absence.