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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to give you some information about the UCAS process upon which Year 12 students are currently embarking and to give you details about a forthcoming webinar for parents/carers on Monday 15 June 2020. The process will, for obvious reasons, differ slightly from previous years, but the UCAS deadlines have not changed from usual, and neither has the timeline that West Kirby students follow.

I should mention at this stage we do recognise that a growing number of our students do not wish to apply to university, instead undertaking an apprenticeship or non-university-based training, seeking employment or taking a year out. We expect, however, that all of our students will need to submit a personal statement at some point during the next few years, so some of the UCAS training we will be giving to students over the course of the next few months will still be relevant to those not intending to commence university courses in Autumn 2021.

Many students have already started the UCAS process. Those who haven't already done so can visit ucas.com and sign up for 2021 entry using the buzzword WestKirby48. An instructional video, a personal statement webinar and other advice can be found on the Year 12 Google Classroom page to which students have access. In order to provide the best support for all students we have asked all students in Year 12 to answer a question on this page regarding their current plans for when they leave school.

We are asking that students applying to Oxford or Cambridge, or who are applying to Medicine, Veterinary Science, Veterinary Medicine or Dentistry email their first draft of their Personal Statement to their Form Tutor by the end of June and aim to have their form completed by the end of the summer term. For those who do not fit into any of these categories we are asking that their first draft of their personal statements be emailed to their Form Tutor by the end of the summer term.

Please note that references will be written by Form Tutor based on submissions from subject teachers so your daughter/son/ward does not need to worry about who is writing theirs.

You may also be interested in a webinar at 6pm on Monday 15 June 2020 which aims to explain the UCAS process to parents/carers. The webinar, which will be run by Lancaster University, is open to all parents/carers, whether or not their children are planning on applying to Lancaster. Full details and information on how to sign up can be found here:

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/connect/events/parents-and-carers-university-information>

If you have any queries about the UCAS process at West Kirby Grammar School or require information about apprenticeships, jobs or other options students have when they leave school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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