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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Sixth Form

I hope that this letter finds you well. I would like to thank you for your support, patience and understanding during the national school closure. These are challenging times for all of us but particularly for our students. Year 12 and their teachers have adapted well to online learning and we are grateful to parents for the support and encouragement you have provided. We are looking ahead with hope to the future and our next steps and so I am writing now to update you on a number of relevant Sixth Form matters.

Year 13 students are reminded that UCAS have advised students to continue with their UCAS applications and make a decision on their firm and insurance choice by the extended deadline of 4th June. Students who have not yet done so should complete their application for student finance. I would recommend that students and their parents/carers continue to monitor guidance via the UCAS website at <https://www.ucas.com/coronavirus-updates-hub>. After half term, all **Year 12** students will be provided with detailed guidance, support and preparatory tasks to begin getting ready for apprenticeship and UCAS application. If your son or daughter is considering applying for Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary science or dentistry via UCAS for September 2021 entry, please contact me via email to ensure that they have access to further information about the early application process.

All Sixth Form students are now able to browse the careers content in 'Unifrog'. It is an important tool for careers guidance and will help our students make informed decisions about their next steps. **Year 13 students** are encouraged to make the most of their unique 'Unifrog' login which contains a wealth of material to help bridge the gap between A Level and undergraduate study including subject specific TED talks, podcasts and "Massive Open Online Courses" (MOOCs). For students going on to higher level study next year, reading around the subjects they intend to study is a really worthwhile preparation for university life. University websites and admissions tutors are an invaluable resource and first year reading lists are a great place to start. Any student who would like further support and guidance to do this should contact me directly in Sixth Form Office.

We are approaching the time of year when we would normally be writing to **Year 11** with arrangements for our Sixth Form induction days. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to sample A Level work in their chosen subjects and to do some bridging work before they begin A level study in the autumn, we are providing tasks and reading in each subject. **Please follow the link:** <http://www.ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk/Sixth-Form-Introduction>. The password for access is Eccles1957! **Year 11 students** planning to start A Level study next term should complete the work set by their teachers to ensure that their transition is as smooth as possible.

I wish everyone connected with our Sixth Form all the very best for the coming weeks. Should you wish to discuss any element of this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Carnwell
Head of Sixth Form