



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have completed the first stage of our Post-18 work with Year 12 students. We have over the year:

- Held a Post-18 day and evening to introduce the range of careers and pathways to careers including Universities, apprenticeships and gap years to all students and parents.
- Taken all students to visit the NEC for the WHAT CAREER? event where they could talk to staff from Universities and Apprenticeship providers to get more information on courses and places
- Introduced UNIFROG and UCAS and the resources and guidance found on these sites. Here they will have opened accounts with both and are able to access guidance on difference pathways and how to approach their applications and career aspirations.
- Held an introduction to Oxbridge event where students got to hear from and talk to school alumni who are currently at or have successfully gained a place at Oxford or Cambridge to advise on how best to prepare and what the reality looks like.
- Supported work experience placements across a range of different disciplines

This week we have held our follow up to UCAS and apprenticeships, with a more bespoke and detailed support for applications and Early Entries which include Oxbridge, Medics, Dentists, Veterinarians and Law students.

I am writing to make you aware of the expectation we have of our students over the summer to prepare themselves for the application processes ahead.

Over the next week they will receive guidance with personal statements and reference requesting and over the summer they should use UNIFROG to prepare. In September there will be key dates to be worked to.

Below are the key dates for UCAS applications:

EVENT	DATE
Ecclesbourne UCAS early entry deadline	15 th September 2023
UCAS early entry deadline	16 th October 2023
Ecclesbourne UCAS all courses deadline	17 th November 2023
UCAS all courses deadline	31 st January 2024
UCAS conservatoires music deadline	2 nd October 2023, for Music 31 st January 2024 for Drama, Dance and Musical Theatre

Early entry students are likely to have to complete examinations for their courses. These will be clearly outlined on university websites under entry requirements for each course where needed. Outlined below are those examinations and details of how to enter and where and when they held.

Admissions test	Courses applicable to	Where it can be taken	When it can be taken
UKCAT	Medicine/Dentistry	Local centre	Last date 28/9/23
BMAT	Medicine/biochemical sciences	In school	18/10/23
ENGAA	Engineering	In school	18/10/23
STEP	Mathematics	In school	Dates not published yet for next year.
NSAA	Natural sciences/veterinary science	In school	18/10/23
PAT	Physics, engineering, material science, physics and philosophy	In school	20/10/23
MAT	Computer science, Comp and maths, statistics, maths and philosophy	In school	19/10/23
LNAT	Languages	Local centre	16/10/23
HAT	History	In school	20/10/23
TSA	Psychology	In school	18/10/23
TMUA	Mathematics	In school	18/10/23

If you know that you need to sit an entrance exam, please contact our exams officer at:
swalton@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

Apprenticeships are released throughout the year and both UCAS and UNIFROG can help support applications both in identifying who is offering them but also the locations of these positions as well as preparing CV and application letters.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Mrs Bamber or Mrs Farina.

Kind regards



Hannah Weller
 Head of Sixth Form