



11 June 2020

Dear Year 12

## Update

I wanted to write to you and make contact at the beginning of Term 6 to update you on things from my perspective as your Head of Sixth form.

### One-to-One Tutorial Sessions

Following the letter regarding the return to school for Year 12 I am pleased to be able to share with you the link to book the one-to-one tutorials for either Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (12A) or Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June (12H). During these 30-minute sessions students will meet with one member of staff and will discuss learning to date and identify any gaps that have developed during online learning. Students will then be able to select one study session that they can attend during the following week (wave 2) and wave 3 (between Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020). Please click on this link to book your child's one-to-one session <http://hayesbrook.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>. There are three appointments available for each time slot.

### Online Learning

I am absolutely delighted that you are logging into SMHK and engaging with the work set. We have seen an increase in lessons being delivered by video and support for you via the messaging system on SMHK. Even with a phased return from Monday 22 June 2020, online learning will continue for at least the remainder of this academic year. Please do get in contact with me via [post16@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:post16@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk) if you need any support with your online learning.

### UCAS

Although you will not be able to apply for University courses until September 2020 you should start your journey into discovering what will be available to you when that goes live. I have shared with you on SMHK some links to University virtual open days (<https://www.opendays.com/>) and also a University virtual fair on 17 June 2020 <https://ukuniversitysearch.vfairs.com/>. It is really important that you use these links and the UCAS website (<https://www.ucas.com/>) to become familiar with what is available. Please do not register for UCAS yet, we will do this with you later in the term.

### Apprenticeships

For those of you in Year 12 who are considering an apprenticeship at the end of Year 13 then there are lots of things that you could be doing now to find out what will be available to you. Last week you will have noticed on SMHK that I shared a different apprenticeship experience everyday including Amazon and Unilever. For those of you who missed those opportunities please do keep an eye out for when I share online resources with you. A great place to start looking at apprenticeship vs degree decisions is <https://www.apprenticefutures.com/>. This includes links to videos that help to explain apprenticeships and examples of opportunities that are available. Now is also the time of year that students apply for apprenticeships so have a look and see what is out there currently as that will be like what is available in the summer of 2021.

### Work Experience

This term would have seen you complete your work experience week. It is vital that you build your portfolios to include work experience and not just that of your normal weekend jobs. One way around that hurdle is to complete some virtual work experience. Barclays Bank have some fantastic resources available to support schools careers programmes and this link from their website shares a virtual work experience opportunity <https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-virtual-work-experience/school/virtual-work-experience>.

### Summer Internships

Some students benefit from completing a summer internship between Year 12 and Year 13 or look to set one up before going to University. An internship can also be completed online and you can find out more about them from websites such as this. <https://www.theinterngroup.com/destination/virtual-internships/>.

### Futurelearn

Futurelearn is a great resource that includes many free short courses. These can be anything from learning a language to something linked directly or indirectly to the courses that you study. All students in Year 12 should be engaging with this resource as you look to build your portfolio into Year 13. <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

Finally, you have now received communication about the opportunity to return to school. This will feel a bit strange and you will undoubtedly have questions or queries about the impact of this lockdown on your education. I want you to know that we will continue to do our best to support you and that will be an important discussion during the one-to-one interviews. If you need to get in contact with me then please use [the\\_post16@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:the_post16@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk) email account and I will reply as soon as I possibly can.

Yours sincerely



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