

19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although the school year has only just started we are beginning to plan for the next phase of our student's education and futures.

Applications for the majority of sixth form colleges are now done via **UCAS Progress** (a sister site to the university application service). These applications are linked to Redmoor, so that we can track the progress of students' applications and complete their college references online.

All Year 11 students have been given their log-in details to access the UCAS Progress website and have been asked to get their personal profiles set-up ready for the 2018 application cycle, which opens on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**. From the above date, students will be able to search for 2018-19 post-16 courses and apply. Tutors will be talking to students to advise them and we will be offering supported sessions in computer rooms to help students complete their applications.

We strongly recommend that students visit any colleges or 6th Forms that they are considering applying to. I have listed all the current dates below and we will publish dates of open evenings for the main local providers on our website once they start being confirmed. They are usually advertised on the provider's websites too.

We advise that students apply for more than one course and to more than one provider, so that they have a back-up plan if their application is rejected or if they do not achieve the grades they need for their first choice.

We also advise that they apply as early as possible as popular courses often get full quickly. Our internal **deadline for applications is Friday 8th December 2017**.

The link to the UCAS Progress site is: <https://www.ucasprogress.com/authentication/logon>

**Note:** students wishing to apply to [King Edwards College](#) in Nuneaton, need to apply directly to the college as they do not use UCAS Progress to process their applications.

Please can you make sure that you are discussing post-16 options with your child now and are ensuring they have the necessary information and support for making their applications.

## Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships have undergone a major overhaul in recent years, with the possibility of studying at degree level now a reality for today's apprentices. They are now a far more

clear alternative to the traditional A' level route which offers work based learning in addition to time at college whilst receiving an apprenticeship wage. Again, these are very popular.

The majority of apprenticeships are advertised on the [government's apprenticeship pages](#), which also have a wealth of information about apprenticeships.

Students need to make sure that they also secure a college placement alongside the apprenticeship. Often these are already paired on the government apprenticeship website, but not always.

**Students intending to apply for an apprenticeship should start looking and applying from October 2017 as they can fill up fast.**

**Open Evenings for Sixth form providers:**

Below are the published open evenings for local sixth form providers. However, they are subject to change so please check on their websites before going.

**Brooksby Melton College**

The Creative and Service Industries Campus, Melton Mowbray (Performing Arts, Digital Film Production, Teacher Training) Open Evening – Monday 30th October 2017, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

The Land-Based Campus, Brooksby (Sports Science, Equine Performance Management, Animal Management) Open/Taster Day – Saturday 28th October 2017, 10am – 1pm Note: you need to book places for the Brooksby Melton open events:

<http://he.brooksbymelton.ac.uk/our-offer/open-days/>

**Frank Whittle Studio School** Tuesday 10th October: 5.30 – 7.30pm

**Higham Lane 6th Form** Wednesday 4th October: 6 – 8.30pm

**JC6** (John Cleveland College 6th Form) Wednesday 10th October - no times stated yet

**KEGS** (King Edward College 6th Form, Nuneaton) Thursday 23rd November: 3.30 – 8pm

**Leicester College** Saturday 7th October: 11am – 3pm Tuesday 5th December: 3 – 8pm

**Leicester College of Performing Arts** Sunday 22nd October: 10am start Note: you need to book a place for this event via: [info@lcpa.co.uk](mailto:info@lcpa.co.uk)

**Lutterworth College 6th Form** Thursday 26th October: 5.30 – 8pm

**NWHC** (North Warwickshire & Hinckley College) Wednesday 11th October: 5 – 8pm, Nuneaton campus Thursday 12th October: 5 – 8pm, Hinckley campus

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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