



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I trust that you and your child have had an opportunity to reflect on their February assessment results and the feedback their teachers have given as to how improvements and developments can be made for the summer examinations. These summer examinations will be the main factor in the setting of predicted grades, and it is therefore very important that students are clear on the work they need to do to achieve the grades they are hoping for. They will of course have discussed this with teachers and tutors, but it can also be a fruitful conversation to have at home.

We are now moving into the time of year when students need to begin making more definitive plans for their time after school. Naturally they have been preparing for this throughout their time in Sixth Form with university visits and visiting speakers, now is the time for them to focus seriously on making a shortlist of options and beginning to work on their applications.

As you know, we use an excellent tool called Unifrog to help students organise the process of shortlisting and applying to universities, and indeed apprenticeships. This portal brings together information on a wide range of careers and opportunities as well as being the place where students will draft their applications and receive their references from their teachers. At the start of the year we explained how to set up a parent account so that you can see the same information, if you did not do this at the time but would now like to please visit www.unifrog.org/code and use the code "parenthillhouse" to register.

Now is also time for students to be booking university open days for destinations they might be interested in visiting. I would encourage students to book on to these as soon as they are able as places are limited. Times are advertised on individual university websites, available via Unifrog and also www.opendays.com. Many now take place at weekends to allow parents to accompany their child on their fact-finding missions.

To assist students further we will also be taking them to the University and Careers Advisory Service (UCAS) Convention in Sheffield on 21 June 2019, where they can discuss their options with advisors from all major UK universities, some European universities and a range of employers. We will also hold a meeting for parents in school to refresh you on the details of the UCAS process given at the start of the year and the specific deadlines students must meet. Further details of this event will follow nearer the time.

We recognise that these decisions are difficult for students and that some may not yet feel ready to make decisions about their future. Please rest assured that I, and the rest of the Sixth Form team of Mrs Frisby, Miss Chappell and the tutors are always on hand to offer them support and advice as they make these important choices. In addition, Mrs Frisby in her role as Head of Careers is available for individual

discussions in the library on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes, the Tuesday sessions being pre-bookable to ensure a slot is reserved.

Yours faithfully

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