

May 14, 2020

Year 12 Newsletter

Hi everyone (parents and students)

Hope you are all well and continuing to get through this on-going situation. Stay alert is the new slogan of the government but, for most, it is probably stay home, particularly given the current weather. Just updating you on what is happening for Year 12 students with some messages from the careers team and industry liaison too:

A message from UTCN staff to pupils

Here's a link to the UTCN YouTube channel with a special message from the staff at UTCN to you, the pupils (and parents), enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOTReGvSb9I&feature=youtu.be>

Routine

Some pupils I have spoken to have been struggling with the lack of structure and, unfortunately, have lost the idea of daytime and night-time. I can see this being an issue if you let it become one. The best remedy is to reset your internal clock. Have a set time to wake up and stick to it, find a routine during the day to keep yourself active mentally and physically, have set eating times. All this sounds sensible but some of you need to get back to a routine. Particularly for when you are expected to return (not that we can be clear on that yet: see Mr Hayes's newsletter to parents).

To help myself stick to something, I have made myself a weekly planner, Mon to Friday and space at the bottom (the weekend). All I'm doing is writing the jobs and tasks as well as any online lesson/meetings times that I need be in. This makes it clear what I need to do including deadlines I set myself. I'm sure many of you are on top of your work and get through the tasks on Show My Homework, but this may help everyone else!

Transition from Year 12 into Year 13

Here is a link to some videos and guidance on how Year 12 should continue to learn the content of their courses, so they have study skills material to revisit Year 12 content and prepare for university/apprenticeships in Year 13. Have a look and view the different videos. More videos being added.

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7013790>

Password: netsixth12

University Finance

Further to my previous email which included the first link to Uni Finance information.

Here is link 2 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_Y81ut4PeNLL0QuDbI0e1jvngrBlaiPwEH-xNuk9RN2LLPO/viewform

And link 3

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXcGOiP9nJ4KQcX04ILtzOe4MTBqC_u73XmgaDjD5a-deI5Q/viewform

University information links (from University of Hertfordshire)

Why go to University? - <https://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/school-and-college-liaison/getting-ready-for-university/why-go-to-university>

Degree apprenticeship or University? - <https://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/school-and-college-liaison/getting-ready-for-university/degree-apprenticeships-or-full-time-university>

How to choose Course and university - <https://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/school-and-college-liaison/getting-ready-for-university/how-to-choose-a-course-and-university>

The UCAS application process - <https://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/school-and-college-liaison/getting-ready-for-university/the-ucas-application-process>

Personal statements - <https://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/school-and-college-liaison/getting-ready-for-university/personal-statements>

A message from our Careers team ☺

The Sutton Trust have announced the launch of their Apprenticeship Summer School, delivered in partnership with

leading employers & apprenticeship experts. This pilot year it'll be delivered in digital format, with a view to move to face-to-face programming for 2021. Available to 100 Year 12 students from across the UK & running for 3 days, 13th-15th July 2020. Lots more information here, <https://www.suttontrust.com/news-opinion/all-news-opinion/career-choices/applications> Applications open until 28 May <https://apply.suttontrust.com/>

Choosing five university courses to apply to through UCAS can be a long process, and it is best to get started as early as possible. Many of you will have been planning to attend some university open days and UCAS exhibitions over the coming weeks, and hopefully you will still have these opportunities either later in the summer or in the autumn. However, there is plenty of research you can do online during this period of lockdown which will help you narrow down your options.

Virtual Tours

Lots of universities were already developing virtual tours of their campus before the lockdown, with some even using VR technology on their stands at careers fairs! UCAS have put together a list of universities offering these. What better way to check out campuses from St Andrews in the north to Exeter in the south, from the comfort of your own living room?

Live chats

Many universities offer the chance to talk live to current students or members of support staff if you search for "university live chat" you will find a whole list, or search for the specific universities you want to target to see if they offer this. This is a great way to ask all your burning questions about what it is really like to study a particular subject, settling in at university, or other opportunities that are available.

Virtual Open Days and Events

Universities are keen to give you a taste of what it would be like to study with them, and UCAS have put together another list of virtual events that are in the pipeline. For example, UCFB are putting together an entire virtual open day to inform you about their courses in the football and sport industry and Leeds College of Music will be showing their open day presentations and offering live chats with their course leaders and student support staff.

Application advice

With universities unable to get their outreach teams out to visit schools and colleges, they will be offering support for your applications, student finance advice and information on other aspects of student life like accommodation through online presentations. Uni Taster Days has details of lots of these- Edge Hill University, Newman University and City, University of London have several talks available.

Subject specific events

Within the list from UCAS and on Uni Taster Days you will also find subject specific tasters, such as the University of Leicester's events offering tasters in Medicine and other Health professions, Business, Sciences and their School of Arts throughout late April and mid-June. These events usually take the form of webinars that you can just watch, with some opportunities for discussion and participation if you feel like it.

Online courses

Another way to get a taster of university study is by completing an online course- there are lots of these available for free on websites like FutureLearn. For example - The University of Leeds has developed a series of online courses for schools that are designed for your level of knowledge and could help you decide whether a certain degree course is right for you- these range from atmospheric chemistry and anatomy, to literature, medicine and business.

General website research

In addition to all these ways to engage with universities online, there is of course simple website research. This could be getting an idea of what degrees you can access with your Level 3 subjects via Informed Choices, checking their entry requirements on UCAS, or looking for advice on TheUniGuide. Once you have a list of possible courses, visit the universities' own websites for full details of what their course is like- remember all universities teach the same subjects in different ways and focus on different aspects, particularly in the humanities and social sciences. You can use your Unifrog account to start shortlisting and comparing different options, making notes of your thoughts so you don't have to remember everything you have read.

Remember the careers team is here to support you so please do get in touch if you have any questions

From Mrs Skipp

Aviva Technical Careers Talk - 2.30pm Friday 15th May

As part of our ongoing work with local and national employers, all UTCN students are invited to a careers talk with Aviva. Join Neil Baxter and Aviva Apprentice, Toni Kelly to discover more about Technical, IT, Cyber Security and Business Analyst careers. Toni is a former UTCN student and can share her experience of the recruitment process and her new career.

Click on this link to join this meeting ready for 2.30pm on Friday 15th May:

<https://universitytechnicalcollegenorfolk.my.webex.com/universitytechnicalcollegenorfolk.my/j.php?MTID=m19f606e9b85b1e0b18f9c8eb8c479a71>

Meeting Number: 958 929 491

You'll have the opportunity to learn how Norwich's largest employer has adapted to support working from home in the Covid-19 world. Ask questions and learn more from an employer who continues to expand their technical career opportunities for school leavers. You can also find out what to expect if you are faced with a virtual recruitment process.

Discover more about the roles currently available here:

<https://careers.aviva.co.uk/students-graduates/apprentices-school-leavers/>

If you have any questions in advance of the meeting please send them to sophie.skipp@utcn.org.uk, we look forward to seeing you there.

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Social Media

Please follow us on Twitter @utcnorfolk for quick information about the whole school and @UTCNKS4 for Key Stage 4 information.

Also, follow us on Instagram @utc_norfolk for UTCN updates.

Dates for your Diary

Please look on the UTCN webpage for the Parents Calendar which is updated regularly.
<https://utcn.org.uk/calendar>

May 25 to 29 - Half Term

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