**HIGHER EDUCATION**

We have a formal programme of events starting in the summer term of Year 12 with our “Futures Day” and Higher Education Evening for parents. On Futures Day the normal Year 12 timetable is suspended to allow students to follow a series of activities aimed at the transition from sixth form to university and careers. Students register with UCAS and begin completing the online application form. They will be advised about entering subject details and specifically about drafting their personal statements. We fully support students in planning and preparation for university and allow up to four days to attend Open Days if required. Careers information will be available for those students who do not wish to apply to UCAS and throughout the year this work is complemented by a range of interviews and careers advice delivered by representatives from national/local forms, together with careers fairs in school.

For students aspiring to Oxbridge, or other Russell Group universities, a programme tailored for preparation to such institutions runs throughout the year. This includes information and guidance sessions from Oxbridge staff/graduates, interview preparation and mock academic interviews upon request.

In Year 13 there is ongoing support from mentors to help students with their UCAS applications and reminders of deadlines via mentor meetings, assemblies, bulletins and the digital signage in the 6th Form Centre. Students can drop in to see the Head of Year at any time to discuss any UCAS queries or concerns and we actively encourage students to send off their applications by the beginning of November.

**UCAS Student Helpline Number: 08714680468**