14th October 2020

Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students

Dear Parents/Carers

We are encouraging students to take part in the **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** on **Wednesday 21**<sup>st</sup> **October** (12:00-18:00). I would however, like to confirm that students should be in school as normal but attend virtually once school has finished. The event features over 90 universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK along with 10 interactive webinars, and is aimed at years 11-13 and parents to provide you with all the information you and your child needs to make informed decisions about their post-18 options.

Students, parents and carers simply need to register online at: <a href="https://www.ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com">www.ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com</a>

Students and parents can chat directly with a mixture of Russell Group, red brick, and modern universities from around the UK to find out invaluable information about courses, modules, life at university, and discover what admissions tutors are looking for in UCAS applications. Attendees can also speak to colleges and local and national companies about their apprenticeship schemes, alongside being able to speak to universities about the degree apprenticeships they offer.

10 interactive webinars will run throughout the day on a variety of university and apprenticeship topics such as UCAS Personal Statements, Student Finance, and Apprenticeships. The webinars are run by university and apprenticeship professionals who will also host Q&A sessions after the presentation. All webinars are recorded so if you miss one you can stream the webinar 24/7 on the fair website until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. You can view the webinar timetable and presenters list using the link below: <a href="https://www.ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com/en/webinar-timetable">www.ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com/en/webinar-timetable</a>

Register in advance to receive a free event guide which will explain how the day will work and how both yourself and your child can make the most of the exhibitor interactions. The event guide will also contain lots of articles on topics such as student finance, UCAS applications, extra funding, personal statements and apprenticeships.

To book your free place and to view the exhibitor list visit: <a href="www.ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com">www.ukunisearch-west.vfairs.com</a>. We recommend registering for the event as soon as possible to ensure you receive your event guide and have time to prepare for the big day.

Yours sincerely

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