



# ORIEL SIXTH FORM FUTURES NEWSLETTER

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As we go into Spring, Year 13 will most likely be focusing on preparing for final coursework deadlines and their exams. Many have a university or career goal which is helping them to stay motivated. We know that this is not the case for everybody though so we have lots of support available for those still working out their post-18 pathway. For Year 12 students it is time to start making those decisions and preparing their applications for university or work after 6th Form. We hope this edition of the newsletter supports you to help them plan their next steps and make the best possible applications.

## YEAR 13

Whether you are going to university or entering the world of work after sixth form there are a few things you should be doing this term.

**STUDENT FINANCE ENGLAND** You need to apply before 20th May to get your money in time for the start of the course in September.

**STUDENT FINANCE WEBINAR by UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH** Sign up for this webinar being held on 5th & 7th April for parents. [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com)

**ARMY BURSARY** A bursary from the army is available to students to cover university fees. Find out more online.

**UNIFROG SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TOOL** Students can search for scholarships and bursaries via the "Special Opportunities" tab in Unifrog.

**UCAS EXTRA** is now open - if you have not received any offers from UCAS - you get another chance to find a course!

**WORLD OF WORK OPPORTUNITIES** Use the [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) website to find current opportunities. Talk to Mr Withell for advice.

**STRESS & WELL-BEING** Elevate Education UK has shared this webinar with us about how to support your child with their mental health. [Parent Webinar Replay | UK \(elevatecoaching.info\)](https://elevatecoaching.info)

**DSA ALLOWANCE** Watch this webinar about the DSA Allowance for anyone going to university - It can cover some of the extra study-related costs students may incur due to their impairment, mental health condition, or learning difference. [Disabled Students' Allowance Process Webinar - A2B Assessments - YouTube](#)

For previous copies of this newsletter go to [Futures Newsletters – Oriel High School](#).

# YEAR 12

Following the trips to the UCAS Discovery Exhibition and The Apprenticeship Show this term, Year 12 students should now have a better idea of whether they are applying to university or entering the World of Work. We will be explaining the university application process to students in tutor time and assemblies and guiding them each step of the way, along with giving them top tips for finding their first full-time job, applying and having a successful interview. There are a number of events and opportunities coming up over the next few weeks to help the students make a decision about which pathway(s) to pursue.

## UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING (19th May at 6:30pm)

A representative from Sussex University will talk via Teams about the university pathway and the Sussex Access Programme which all of Year 12 have registered with. Email [sixthform@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk) if you'd like to join - we will send a letter with more information shortly.

**OPEN DAYS** We are pleased to say that universities are opening their doors again for students to visit and get a sense of what the university is like - we encourage all of Year 12 to go on at least 1 Open Day to help them decide where to go.

## THE "PARENTS' GUIDE" NEWSLETTER - [School newsletter | The Parents' Guide \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](#)

This useful newsletter has an abundance of information for parents of sixth formers and all copies can be found on our website.

## MEET THE RUSSELL GROUP ([Russell Group - April 2022 \(vfairs.com\)](#))

Sign up to this event on 27th April to get an insight into why you should consider choosing a Russell Group university.

## SUPER-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Next term students will be writing their Personal Statements for university - between now and then they need to build up their experiences by completing some of the 'special opportunities' listed in Unifrog. Perhaps signing up to NCS (a volunteering programme), completing a Taster Day at university, doing a MOOC (online course), getting work experience in their field or simply reading around the subject.

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## AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS [Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Use this fantastic resource to find apprenticeships, get top tips about how to apply and find out everything you need to know about this pathway.

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### OXBRIDGE

Mrs Holmes runs a specialist Oxbridge group supporting students through the early application process and interviews.



### MEDSOC

Mrs Carr runs our Medical Society which uses resources from the MedicPortal to support our aspiring medics.



### WORK EXPERIENCE

Don't forget to use UpTree to find in-person and virtual work experience. You can also ask Mr Thornton for help.



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