



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

POST-18 OPTIONS

We hope you and your families are well and you are starting to get used to these new ways of working. Whilst remote learning is clearly not the ideal way to complete your Year 12 studies, we hope you are all coping and engaging in a positive way with your academic studies. We would like to thank all students and parents who completed the recent online survey. We are working hard to respond to your feedback and make changes where possible.

The summer term in Year 12 is when we start working with students on a programme of Post-18 Options events. The programme is designed to encourage students to think about life beyond King James's and in 'normal' circumstances includes visiting speakers from local universities and employers, information relating to apprenticeships, visits to the Higher Education Exhibition at Leeds Beckett University and an Open Day at University of York. In addition, we usually invite parents into school to outline the process to them empowering you to support your son or daughter through the process. Clearly, under the restrictions this is not going to be possible – we are going to have to adjust and do things differently this year. We have done everything possible to ensure you still get the same information, support and guidance as any other year group. In fact, in some areas you are possibly getting a little more!

To start this process, attached is a PowerPoint presentation which takes you through the basics of making a university application. The presentation has a number of hyperlinks (these are highlighted in yellow) which will take you to valuable resources and extra reading. Also, attached is a leaflet, 'Guide to King James's Application Process & Deadlines for Applying to Higher Education' which also includes hyperlinks and covers some of the key points and important school deadlines.

Next week we will be sending a comprehensive digital booklet for students to read and work through. This has all the vital information and guidance they need and again, is full of links to additional information. The booklet has sections for students to complete and research they must undertake.

Many universities have responded to this current situation by producing 'virtual' open days, materials and interactive Q&A meetings which will take place throughout the coming months. More information about these can be found on the UCAS and the individual university websites. I would strongly advise you to spend some time researching and booking onto these events. There is more guidance about this in the student booklet.

The student booklet includes information and guidance for students who are not considering a university application. In addition, our Career & Alternative Curriculum Manager, Lucy Hazelton is available to contact should you require any additional support or information about applying for apprenticeships or employment, lucyhazelton@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk.

We hope you find these resources useful. We all look forward to welcoming you all back into school in the future and continuing to support you through your Sixth Form studies and beyond.

If you have any questions regarding post-18 options please do not hesitate to contact us, sixthform@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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