



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

Dear Year 12 parent/carer,

I felt it important to let you know that this week is the date from which Level 3 Year 12 students are able to register with UCAS and begin the process of their university application.

Yesterday afternoon all eligible St Mary's students were e-mailed information and links with guidance on how to proceed. I attached three videos with help and advice, as well as a link to the 'How to Apply' booklet they would have received if we were at college. I've also uploaded the booklet to the website for your reference, if it's of any help. The videos can be found in the students' share-point, under SMC Study / Documents / Y12 / UCAS, where they access their daily work.

It's beneficial to register with UCAS as early as possible and thus I've asked everyone to register this week; the initial part shouldn't take longer than 10 minutes. However, it is also very important for students not to worry about the process. There's a long timeframe available for everyone to complete their application and we'll be keeping in touch with guidance and advice at every step. If we remain in our current situation for an extended period, I'll forward more instructional videos and guidance. One of the videos covers the process of how to register and I forwarded the link below to all in Y12, to enable them to start:

<https://2021.undergrad.apply.ucas.com/appreg/SecurityServlet>

There's an official deadline of October 15th for early entry students, i.e. those choosing Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Oxford and Cambridge. All other courses have an internal deadline of December 11th – this is to ensure that we have enough time to work on all of their applications, write references and assist with their personal statements.

Every applicant has the option of applying to five universities, unless you apply for Medicine, where you can choose four. I've included one video where I advise using the following links which I think are the best for research when choosing universities:

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2019/jun/07/university-league-tables-2020>

I know that many of you will be aware of the process and you will have been having conversations over the last year. This information letter is simply intended to keep you in the loop and provide you with some information you might not already have and maybe enable you to instigate discussions at home and help with their application over the next few months.

If anyone has any questions, either parents or students, please feel free to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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