



Futures Bulletin

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Thank you for reading the last bulletin from the Futures Department this half of term. As always, a diverse mixture of reminders and opportunities for you to consider.

Deadlines

I enjoyed an eyebrow raising conversation with a sixth form student this week who had failed to meet the internal school date for an Oxbridge application. When questioned on the reason for this, I was confidently informed that the external deadline was not until 6pm on the 15th October 2020, so that was the deadline they were working towards! Though this is factually correct, the whole purpose of having internal deadlines before final deadlines is to ensure that the appropriate checks are made to the application before it is submitted. Leaving any submissions until the last moment is generally not advisable and significantly reduces the school's ability to offer appropriate guidance for improvements. As a reminder then, the next deadline on the horizon is Sunday 1st November 2020, for all remaining Higher Education applications.

Personal Statements

The personal statement can often be what holds a UCAS application up, and from a student perspective, can cause some worry. There are some excellent resources available on this section of the firefly [pages](#) and I feel this [video](#), though released a few years ago, is still relevant and offers some useful advice if you are simply struggling to get started. Feel free to contact the department if you have concerns about completing your personal statement.

Degree Apprenticeships

As mentioned in the last bulletin, I will include a flavour of these in each edition. Here are some which are available for consideration now, for a September 2021 start. You can apply for these alongside any university applications.

JP Morgan	Investment Operations Financial Services Professional Apprenticeship	3C Grades at A Level required
Smith & Williamson	Chartered Accountant Trainee	112 UCAS points required
Goldman Sachs	Engineering Degree Apprenticeship	AAB at A Level required

On Wednesday 14th October 2020 the National Apprenticeship Service are joining us from 2:00 – 2:30pm to talk through these opportunities in more detail. You can sign up using the link [here](#).

Work Experience

Last week I was fortunate to catch up with Olivia Moir (MSH) who updated me on her current paid internship with IBM. You can read the article [here](#), and I am particularly keen to echo her advice regarding work experience engagement. It is tricky at the moment for obvious reasons, but there are still many opportunities out there, some of which are advertised on this [site](#).

On the horizon

Once we return from the two-week break, there is a continued range of activities available for your engagement, including input from professionals and universities around the fields of economics, business management and law. If you have missed any of the talks so far, you will be able to locate these on E Stream, or via this [section](#) on the school intranet.

Best wishes,
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