I hope you enjoyed spending time with family and friends over the festive season. Please find detailed below a range of notices for your attention.

Upper Sixth

UCAS Update

The vast majority of upper sixth have completed their university applications and are beginning to receive some offers. Mr Percival will circulate details in the coming weeks confirming what you need to do in terms of responding to these. If you have decided over the Christmas break to apply but are yet to commence your application, can I politely request that you alert either Mr Percival or I as a matter of urgency.

Degree Apprenticeships

Even if you have applied to university, there is nothing to stop you pursuing some of the degree apprenticeship opportunities that are increasing in numbers for a September 2023 start. As a reminder, these are work based opportunities, where you spend most of your time with your employer earning a full-time wage, and part of your time with a linked higher education provider gaining your degree. I have included a few examples below to provide a flavour of positions which are currently advertised. If you are interested in exploring this pathway, please make contact.

Title	Employer
The Government Economic Service Degree Apprenticeship	Civil Service
Cyber Security Apprenticeship	ВР
Management Consulting	PWC
Civil Engineering Degree Apprenticeship	WSP Water Team
Testing Degree Apprenticeship	Fujitsu
Solicitor Apprenticeship	BPP

Lower Sixth

House Visits

During January either Mr Percival or I will be visiting each boarding house to meet with you to discuss the support available from this department and make suggestions about the things you could / should be doing now with regards to your post school plans. Though you may feel it is too early to contemplate life outside of the Moss Gates, given the huge variety of options open to you post school, the earlier you can begin to consider your plans, the better placed you will be to make sensible choices. To support this further, an early mention of the Higher Education and Gap Year Fair that is booked in for Friday 17th February – further details to follow.

Careers Insight Talks

On Wednesday 18th January we welcome our first Futures carousel of talks for 2023. We are nearly there in terms of selections; a reminder of the programme is on this link. Location details to follow by Tuesday 17th January.

Work Experience

Mr Boyes is keen to alert you to some external programmes which may be of interest. Please note the dates:

Cappemini Work experience- Technology and or Business - Telford. Closes January 15th **Leonardo Helicopters** - Various STEM/ Engineering opportunities. Closes 31st January Marine Biology - Closes 22nd January C4 Media- opens Feb 1st Virtual programme

Best wishes,

Mr Wain