



# Futures Bulletin

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Welcome back! I hope that all of you have enjoyed some rest and relaxation during recent weeks and feel refreshed for the term ahead. The bulletin below provides an update on key deadlines, activities and events for you to consider.

### Upper 6<sup>th</sup>

- Welcome to your final year at Shrewsbury School! It is an exciting year for you and there is plenty of support available, with the UCAS afternoon booked on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September one of many activities designed to provide you with opportunity to consider your options.
- If you are intending to progress to university for the next academic year, it is important you are aware of the deadlines to submit your application. For competitive applications in the United Kingdom (e.g. medicine, Oxbridge), the school internal deadline is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. For applications to other institutions and courses in the UK, applications needs to be submitted by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. If you are intending to apply to a university outside of the UK, and have not let Mr Percival know, can you do so as a matter of urgency so you can access the support you need.
- If you are applying, you should be on your way to drafting a personal statement by this point. If you are struggling for inspiration, you might find this [resource](#) and this [video](#) of use.
- If you are planning to have a gap year and need support with planning this, please make contact so we can do our best to help.
- You may be interested in pursuing a degree apprenticeship. Please contact me if you are and I will talk you through this process. You can apply to a degree apprenticeship alongside a university application. PWC have just released their offer in this field for 2022, have a read [here](#).
- If you are completely unsure about what your next steps will be, please contact the Futures Department for further advice and guidance.

### Lower 6<sup>th</sup>

- From our perspective what is most important in the coming weeks is that you adapt to the different nature of A Level studies and you feel confident with your choices.
- If you require any support at this stage, please get in touch.
- For new entrants (welcome!) once you have settled in you will be invited to a workshop where you will be introduced to Unifrog, which is the web based platform the school utilizes to support post school planning.

### General Notices

- Throughout the term we will welcome a range of external speakers (both in person and remotely) on a range of topics. First up, we are focusing on sport, with Loughborough University talking through degree opportunities in this area on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September (during societies hour) and then on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September we are joined (7:30pm) on zoom by two professionals in this field. Please attend if you can, with more information to follow next week.
- Due to the pandemic many of you will not have been able to attend any university open days last year. An early look at this [site](#) suggests a blended delivery in the coming weeks in regards to these events, with the gradual return of site visits for some (but not all) institutions. As a reminder, if you wish to attend an open day that falls during term time, you need to gain permission – further details [here](#).
- In my view, one of the 'Covid gains' has been the emergence of virtual work experience / work briefs during the past twelve months in particular. Feedback from pupils who have attended placements organized by Springpod continues to be good and they are offering a range of free opportunities next month. You can read more about those [here](#).
- To finish, I think it is always helpful to look out for news articles regarding changing employment trends and patterns. I found this article of interest back in July, as well as this one on the subject of [leadership](#) and this on the topic of [entrepreneurship](#).

Keep well and best wishes,

Mr Wain