



Happy new year to you! I hope you enjoyed a relaxing break and were able to catch up with family and friends over the festive season. There are a busy few weeks ahead from a Futures perspective and 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 next fortnight confirming what you need to do in terms of responding to these offers. 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 2022 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. Your employer pays your tuition fees and you are almost always guaranteed a job at the end of the programme. I have included a couple of examples below to provide a flavour of positions which you could apply for, advertised on the UCAS [site](#). If you are interested in exploring this pathway, please make contact.

Degree Apprenticeship Title	Details	Entry Requirements
Rail Engineering (VSP)	Based in Manchester, £18k PA	BBB (including Maths & Physics)
Project Management (BT)	Based in Manchester, £16.5K PA	BCC
Data Analyst (Vodafone)	Based in London, £21.5k PA	3 passes at A Level
Solicitor (Dentons)	Based in London, £22.5k PA	ABB

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. Dr Pattenden will be in touch to arrange a meeting for all those wishing to pursue an Oxbridge application.

To support this, an early mention of the Higher Education and Gap Year Fair that is booked in for Friday 18th February – further details to follow.

All Year Groups

Careers Insight Talks

On Tuesday 11th January we welcome OS Thomas Harvey via Zoom webinar for our first insight talk of 2022. You can read more about Thomas's background via this [link](#), as well as view information about our other guests this term. As a reminder, each Fourth Former and Fifth Former is required to attend at least one of these talks this half term, and it is two if you are in the Lower Sixth. Third Formers and Upper Sixth are more than welcome to attend. Please ensure you sign up if you have not done so already – you have had plenty of reminders!

In the news

This [article](#) made me smile before the turn of the year, detailing some of the capital's oldest and most unusually titled jobs, including 'Tosher', 'Cullet Picker' and 'Ice Harvesters' amongst others! On a more serious note, this [article](#) in the NY Times earlier this week is of interest, detailing that 4.5 million people in America voluntarily left their jobs in November 2021, the largest number on record. Potential reasons why are detailed on the link, which is well worth a read.

Best wishes,

Mr Wain