



It has been a busy January and I wish you an enjoyable coach weekend when it arrives. Plenty of notices below, some for specific year groups, others more general.

### Upper Sixth:

- It is brilliant to see so many universities responding to the applications you have made. In case you missed it, this [video](#) explains clearly key deadlines and the decision making process from this point. Please do not worry if you have not heard back from some of your applications, different universities respond at different speeds.
- I know that some of you may be interested in taking a more work-based route to obtain a degree. With this in mind, I have been interested to see some excellent opportunities advertised in the past fortnight in [Technology & Innovation](#), [Consulting](#), [Process Engineering](#), [Environmental Management](#), [User experience](#), [Cyber Security](#) and [Quantity Surveying](#). This is very much a small snapshot of the many possibilities available. You can apply for these positions alongside / instead of university applications and there is plenty of help and support available to navigate your way through the recruitment process.
- Advanced notice that on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, morning lessons will be replaced by a preparation for university day. This will consist of workshops on topics such as budgeting, finance, personal branding, internships and finance. Further details to follow.
- Breaking news – applications for Shrewsbury Bangkok are now open. Full details on this [link](#)!

### Lower Sixth:

- Mr Percival and I have enjoyed our visits to the houses in the past fortnight (and Ridgemount in the MT). Thank you for your participation. For those parents and students who were unable to attend, Mr Percival recorded the presentation he did to some of our overseas students last week, which you can view on this [link](#).
- As discussed, the key points from this presentation now are really about taking action. There's plenty of support available in school, not least with the HE Fair next month, but it is really important as young adults you take on board some of the suggestions that were made about steps to be taking this term.
- An area discussed was the increase in virtual opportunities from a work experience perspective. PWC offer an insight week which you can find more about [here](#) and this [site](#), though aimed predominantly at university students, is accessible for your year group. (You will need to set up a free account to access this platform).
- Advanced notice that on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February, each boarding house has been allocated a slot during societies hour for a CV workshop. This is in advance of the mock assessment centre morning on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, where you will be required to submit your CV in advance of a face to face interview, amongst other activities. Further information to follow next week.

### Fifth Form:

- This Saturday is a great opportunity for you to find out more about your A Level choices next year. To help compliment this further, a reminder to utilize your Morrisby account and Unifrog, the latter of which you will be introduced to on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January during your tutor period.

### All Year Groups:

- Many thanks to all of those who have attended the careers insight talks that are taking place this half term. The menu for next half term will be launched after coach weekend. Attendance is monitored at these activities, so if you sign up you do need to attend! Great opportunity to find out more about future pathways in a diverse mix of careers.
- Talking of which, I noticed this interesting [article](#) last week which made for a quick and fascinating read. Brilliant to see 'Sustainability Manager' so high in the list, as well as 'Diversity and Inclusion Manager'. The one that raised my eyebrows the highest was 'Careers Counsellor'. Who would want to do that?!
- Finally, the Futures Team welcomed Mr Boyes to the department earlier this month, who will be taking a lead on work related activities. He has been popping into PSD lessons and Boarding Houses to discuss this topic – please make him feel welcome if you see him around the school site.

Best wishes,

Mr Wain