

27th April 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Year 13 Pathways and Support

I hope that you and your families are well at this time.

I wanted to write regarding Year 13, and how we are still available to support them at this time.

As notified previously by letter, we have created Microsoft Teams online for Year 13 who are applying to university, and for those who are not. We are posting any relevant updates that we receive in these two groups as our main source of communication.

Key information for you to be aware of, for those who have applied to university through UCAS, is that firstly, we are available to offer support in choosing their firm and insurance offers, if they need us, and that all students have a reply deadline to adhere to, which requires them logging in to UCAS Track in order to reply by the official deadline. They risk losing their places if they do not. Information on this process is at the link below, including the dates:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

Once again, we are on hand, via Teams, if any advice is needed regarding this process, or students can e-mail myself or Mrs Batra directly with individual queries.

For those students not attending university, we would like to know their destinations, whatever they are, so that we can support them as needed. We do not want our Year 13 students to become unemployed, or without an educational establishment or training to move on to as a consequence of their disrupted end to the year because of COVID-19. To this end, please could you ask your child to e-mail Mrs Batra this week, batra.a@rsaacademy.org, to notify her of their post-18 pathway. After this, we will reach out to offer bespoke support to anyone who indicates that they do not have a post-18 pathway as yet. We need really specific information, so, for example, not just 'employment' but who the employer is, and the level and title of any course or further apprenticeship/training, too. Students can also e-mail Mrs Batra directly to request support for non-university routes, and can always contact me of course, too, on thomas.m@rsaacademy.org.

It is very important that students also check in with their form tutors, for safeguarding reasons. To this end, we do still require students to log in via their tutor group on Teams to let their tutors know that they are well, and to indicate whether they need any support, whether with their wellbeing, destinations or any school matter at all. They should do this on Mondays, at 11.30-12, and on Thursdays at the same time. If, for whatever reason, they are unable to access Teams at these times, it is fine for them to e-mail their tutors to let them know they are okay on the day (or parents can do on their behalf if that helps further). The e-mail addresses for tutor check in are collins-dodd.j@rsaacademy.org and byrne.m@rsaacademy.org.

As always, if you need anything else at all, please do let us know.

Kind regards,



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