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Year 13 Progression Updates

Dear parents/carers,

The following information was sent to all Year 13 students today.

Please read carefully and discuss with your child as appropriate.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Tallis Year 13 Team.

Replying to offers:

UCAS:

Well done to everyone who has submitted a UCAS application. The 31 January "equal consideration" deadline has now passed, but we continue to support students who still wish to apply: each year many students make successful late applications, so speak to a member of the UCAS team if applicable: Dr Pinkerton in office in the Silent Study area; Ms Lumsden in her office; or Ms McGowan or Ms Chaloner in the English Office.

Access to Leeds deadline:

- Each year many students get great contextual offers from Leeds through this scheme. If you have applied to Leeds and believe you are eligible for a reduced offer, then make sure you apply by their deadline. This falls on 14 February, which is during half-term, so the tutor/teacher section will need to be completed **before half-term**: ensure you ask a teacher or other member of staff by **Wednesday 7 February** if you intend to apply.

Replying to offers:

- Many of you have received offers: **do NOT reply to your offers yet!** You will have until 6 June to respond, and should take the time until then to research the courses and visit the universities if possible. We will run reply sessions from March, and you **must not reply to offers without seeking advice from a member of the UCAS team.**
- Accommodation will not be finalised until the summer, so **if a university is pressuring you to respond soon in order to secure a place, this is untrue and deeply unfair!** Accommodation should not be a driving factor in making your decisions.
- Do however ensure you are checking your emails for any important messages from your choices.

Student Finance:

- This will open for applications in March. Your next tutorial on **Wednesday 28 February** will cover this and other financial matters around university, and we will offer

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support where needed as you make your applications. You can find out about loans, scholarships and bursaries on the Tallis Post 16 website here <https://www.tallispost16.com/student-finance.html>

Apprenticeships/World of Work:

Ms Lobo, our careers advisor who works on Mondays and Tuesdays, is organising one-to-one meetings from next week. Check with your tutor to make sure you are signed-up, check your emails and look out for text reminders, and make sure you attend.

You can also see Dr Pinkerton for support with apprenticeship and job applications and CVs/cover letters.

Interview and assessment support:

If you are invited to an interview or asked to complete an assessment for university, an apprenticeship or job, please let us know and we can support you with this.

Progression meetings with Dr Pinkerton:

To discuss any of the above, you can sign-up for a meeting with Dr Pinkerton using the sign-up sheets on his office window. These meeting slots will continue throughout the year.

Regards,

The UCAS Team