

Dear Student,

I hope that you are all well and that you enjoyed your Easter break. I understand that it may not have felt like a conventional break from school but it is important that during this unprecedented time that you continue to think about your own personal health and well-being.

- I wanted to take this opportunity to remind those of you who haven't done so already that you need to make your **UCAS decisions** as soon as possible, preferably in the next week. Whilst some of you are still waiting for responses from some institutions, those of you with offers need to choose a **firm choice** based on where you want to go and could have realistically achieved the entry requirements. In addition, your **insurance choice** should be somewhere that you are happy to go to in the event that you do not achieve the grades for your firm choice. Do not pick an insurance choice if you do not want to go to any other University on your list. You will have the option to go through '**Clearing**' if you are rejected from all of your choices or do not get the grades to go to one of your choices. As of yet no details have been released on the process of '**Adjustment**'. Please continue to check your UCAS emails and please contact me if you have any queries relating to this process.

- Should you wish to look further at a university prior to accepting offers there are a number of virtual open days. Some universities offer a virtual tour of their campus and facilities.
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital?keywords=>

- In addition, just a reminder about applying for **Student Finance**:
 - These pages will guide you through the process:
 - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance>
 - <https://www.gov.uk/get-undergraduate-student-loan>
 - Government website for Student finance where you create an account:
 - https://logon.slc.co.uk/cas/login?_locale=en_GB&service=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.student-finance.service.gov.uk%2Fcustomer%2Fhome%2Fpages
 - The Government website has Covid-19 guidance for Student finance
 - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-prospective-students>
 - **Coventry University** are also running a series of webinars which provide information about applying for Student Finance. To access these, please use the following link www.coventry.ac.uk/outreach

- I am interested to know about your attempts at any of the challenges which were included in the 'Post 16 Easter Challenge', or indeed any other challenges that you may have been taking part in. I know that several of you have made contributions to helping those who are less fortunate at this time or are having to self-isolate and that some of you have also been involved in activities in support of the NHS. I would really like to collate this information to celebrate the character of President Kennedy Post 16, so please forward any pictures or write ups to myself and Ms Brooks. Unfortunately, my attempt at making 'Nutella Brownies' from three ingredients failed miserably when I burnt them to the bottom of my ungreased pan! I will be setting some additional challenges in the coming few weeks.

Please remember to keep in touch if you have any queries, concerns or uplifting stories relating to the challenges, I really am interested in knowing that you are safe and well. During this time, it is important that you try to look after yourselves both physically and mentally. The following NHS link provides some useful tips and advice on coping during this time with the second point providing additional links to other groups that can support your mental health and well-being.

- https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-anxiety-tips/?WT.tsrc=Search&WT.mc_id=Corona&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIiazQ2uKI6QIVTuh3Ch3dqQRnEAAYASAAEgKWQP_D_BwE

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Wilkinson