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Dear Student

I hope that you and your families are all well and that you have had an opportunity to enjoy the sunny weather! Some of you have had some online lessons with your teachers and the feedback suggests that you have found this very useful. Work will continue to be set as usual, however, you may begin to have more online tutorials and 'face to face' opportunities, which will hopefully help you to consolidate your knowledge and understanding. **Please let us know if you are unable to access Microsoft Teams either from a laptop/tablet or phone, as this will be the method of communication for this online communication.** Further details will be sent separately. Your tutors have been in contact with you and I know that they would really appreciate hearing how you are getting on.

I have included all the exciting opportunities which I publicised last week and also some additional information about UCAS.

UCAS information:

UCAS <https://www.ucas.com/> is the platform which not only provides a wealth of information relating to University and Apprenticeship courses, it is also where you will apply for a University place. Applications for 2021 are now live. **This does not mean that you should submit an application immediately, as the process does not work on a 'first come first served' basis and your application has to be carefully checked and a reference provided by a member of staff from school before submission.** In conjunction with any information that you have already gained from Unifrog you can start to investigate courses and to think about filling in some of the personal details on the form. More detailed guidance will be provided in the next few weeks; however, this is a good time to start to explore the site and to have a think about what you may like to do Post 18. **So that your application is linked to President Kennedy School you must enter the buzzword "pks2021" when prompted.**

University of Leicester:

UniTasterDays Tuesdays – UniTasterDays are running impartial webinars every Tuesday with multiple universities covering various topics within each webinar – all of the webinars can be found in <https://www.unitasterdays.com/ut-tuesdays.aspx>. I will personally be on today's webinar at 12pm discussing how to choose a course/university and students can join on https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g3xITok6RgOXKWAog_r8aA

Wednesday Wisdom Webinars – Our #WednesdayWisdom will be continuing until the end of the school year. This week, we will be running a session on Student Finance and Scholarships at 12.30pm. Students can register on <https://myleicester.le.ac.uk/form/FSOwebinars>

Virtual Open Day – Our Virtual Open Day will be in the style of a festival and will have multiple areas for students to explore including subject-specific content and life and support at the University of Leicester (we are even throwing in some Spotify playlists to get the festival feeling!).



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The long-term plan is for this content to be available 24/7, with live events on specific Open Day dates, the next being **Saturday 6th June**. Students can sign up and be notified as soon as the content is available online on <https://le.ac.uk/open-days>.

University of Exeter:

Applications for the Exeter Scholars Year 12 National Pathway are now open! This is an exciting for Year 12 students to join a two-year programme of activities designed to support decision-making around higher education. Participation in the programme will earn students a bespoke benefits package, including a reduced grade offer for any University of Exeter undergraduate degree course! You can view the full benefits packages here:

www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/benefits/benefitspackages/ and also
<http://ukstudentrecruitmentoffice.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/r/D5BA402E962ED9D92540EF23F30FEDED/1B68DED467DD0BBBF5B36F2CF903D475>

Fancy a virtual University exploration? Then click on this link to find out more:

<https://www.pathwaystohe.ac.uk/activities/pathways-vr-workshop/>

Please stay in touch and let us know if you need any help or advice with anything.

Take care and stay safe

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