

## Ambition - Pride - Success

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for all your continued support of the school and your perseverance during these very difficult times. I hope you and all members of your family are keeping well and safe. We have just received information from the government regarding the setting of grades and I have attached the letter from Ofqual for all students and we will be following the guidance closely. Further information can be found on the government websites below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020

Moving forward, no work will be set for Year 13 students in any subject. We recognise that Year 13 students will be feeling confused about how to proceed and what they should be doing to support themselves, so after Easter, students should continue to look at their next steps and as such we are suggesting several courses of action:

1. Research for jobs/apprenticeships by using their Unifrog & Pathway CTM accounts. Students should also visit both the government's apprenticeship websites:

https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

- 2. Get on twitter and follow a range of accounts that specifically offer opportunities for work, not forgetting our Sixth Form account (@T6thF) on which Mr Lindquist regularly re-tweets many opportunities
- 3. Start "up-skilling" by accessing a wide range of online training that is free on the Unifrog & Pathway CTM platforms this is a great opportunity to build CVs. Here are some other useful websites:

https://www.mooc.org/

https://www.futurelearn.com/

https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue

https://www.savethestudent.org/student-jobs/free-online-courses-that-will-pimp-up-your-cv.html

- 4. Re-write CVs and personal statements so they are ready to go at a moment's notice
- 5. University applicants should stay in contact with UCAS and their universities (once final choice is made) and make sure to undertake any pre-reading that comes as a requirement of the course. Advice is available on the UCAS website:

https://www.ucas.com/coronavirus

Remember that HT staff are still here to support all Year 13 students over the coming months and we will continue to keep in contact throughout this difficult time. If any student has questions, worries or they just want to contact someone for a catch-up, Mr Lindquist and myself are always available.

Take good care of yourselves.

Yours faithfully

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