

8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Year 12 students are working incredibly hard towards their future plans, and with this in mind, I would like to provide you with information about some forthcoming important events and dates, together with what we have on offer to support your child to help them achieve the great success that awaits them.

### Unifrog

During this term, all students will have the opportunity to sign up to Unifrog. This is a complete destination platform which is designed to support learners and all students have access to this via their own personal log in. The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for students who are thinking of their next steps into university, employment or an apprenticeship.

We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next steps, and we have set up a parent/carer login so that you can use Unifrog along with your child. The sign-up code you need is: **UKATPARENTS** which is valid until **26/04/2023**. There is also a link to a parent pack which will take you to the login page: <https://www.unifrog.org/teacher/resources/shared/parent-pack>

### Work Experience - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

In July, all students will be encouraged to take part in a week's Work Experience. Students are required to source their own placement, which must be in the career area that they are thinking of going into in the future. They will be having an assembly where we will be giving them a Work Experience pack, which will include health and safety documents that their employer must complete and hand return to the Academy. We are also looking for placements for students who are unable to find their own and would love to hear from you, if you or a member of your family are in the position to offer a place to one of our students.

### Careers Meetings

As this is a crucial time for all students in their career journey, it is advisable for them to take advantage of a 1-1 careers meeting which will be offered to them to discuss their future plans. During these meetings, students will receive advice about the different pathways available to them after Year 13. They will also receive information about how they can access providers such as UCAS and Apprenticeship websites. Throughout the year, students will also be getting support and advice from various external speakers and guidance on how to write personal statements for university or employment, and how to complete the UCAS application form.

## **UCAS - Early Entrant University Applications. Cut-off date 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

If your child is considering applying to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary or Dentistry, they will have to complete their UCAS applications by the date above. Students will be given the required support to meet the early entrant date. There is also a Medical Society club which has just started for students and this is being held one a week, during lunchtime at both UKAT hubs.

For students who are applying to university, but not the courses listed above; their cut-off date for applying is **25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

### **University of Kent Research Project**

Finally, the University of Kent have a very exciting skills-development opportunity for students to participate in a research module. This is a 6-week project held on a Wednesday afternoon where they are supported by postgraduate students from the University of Kent to conduct a piece of research. This will help develop skills which will be useful in completing coursework and can also be used in UCAS applications. It will allow students to “try out” a small piece of research in order to develop the required skills to successfully carry out a longer piece of independent research in the future (such as coursework or an EPQ). At the end of the process, students will have produced written work through the completion of weekly booklets. Students can then use this to reflect on and present their research journey to their peers. The aim is not to do in-depth research during this project, but to develop and practice their skills through a mini-project topic. This will demonstrate skills and achievements that they can include in future job, university or apprenticeship applications. Students have been sent a link about this to sign up.

The UKAT Sixth Form Team strive hard to offer opportunities for all UKAT students to take part in that will help them grow as individuals and also give them skills to take with them on their journey towards their next steps. Please can you encourage your child to take advantage of these opportunities as we have found that universities and employers are not only looking for good academic results, but also that the young person can offer a wide range of transferable and employable skills as well.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing [sharonmurphy@universityofkentacadmiestrust.org.uk](mailto:sharonmurphy@universityofkentacadmiestrust.org.uk) or any member of the UKAT Sixth Form Team by emailing [UKATSixthForm@universityofkentacadmiestrust.org.uk](mailto:UKATSixthForm@universityofkentacadmiestrust.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

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