

## Careers Newsletter December 2021



**Hello from WSFC Careers Team!**

**Well done ...**you have made it through the Autumn term. We have really enjoyed working with all students this term in groups and on an individual basis.

**Since my last newsletter....**

**Year 13:** We have been busy assisting students with their university applications, with our major role checking Personal Statements. If you are applying to university hopefully you have now submitted your UCAS application.

If you are still working on your application, **I must remind you that college requires 10 clear working days prior to 26<sup>th</sup> January for application checking and reference writing.**

The careers team, based in Student Services will be able to provide last minute application support from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

You can:

- Send your personal statement to [Careers@wsfc.ac.uk](mailto:Careers@wsfc.ac.uk)
- Come into the department to book a time slot
- Drop into the UCAS clinic being held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> between 1-2pm.**

**For assistance from UCAS:** <https://www.ucas.com/contact-us>

- Facebook.com/ucasonline
- twitter.com/UCAS\_online
- Tel: 0371-4680468, Mon-Fri 18.30-18.00 (have your personal ID ready)

**University Finance Talks:** Week commencing 24th January universities are coming into college to deliver University Finance Talks for students. As parents this is most likely an issue that you would like be up to date on.

The official site to explore and apply: Student Finance England

- <https://www.facebook.com/SFEngland/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>

**University Finance Applications don't open until Mid- February (date to be confirmed)**

A useful site that explains student finance clearly is the **Martin Lewis** website:  
<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/>

Examples of some of some of Martin Lewis's key points:

- The cost is different to the price tag
- You don't need the cash upfront to pay for university
- A graduate tax you don't start paying pay until you earn £27, 295 (current figure)
- After 30 years the debt is written off
- Impact of family income – financial expectations of parents

### **Foundation Students:**

As part of the tutorial programme, we have run sessions with students on the foundation year focusing on decision making and progression options. We have started to meet with each student for one- to- one impartial careers guidance interviews. These will continue after Christmas and students will be supported with their option choices.

### **Year 12 Students:**

The careers team input with first year students will 'ramp up' after Christmas. 'Where next?' Sessions will be run as part of the tutorial programme. These sessions explore the options available to students at the end of their time at college with a major focus being on University and Apprenticeship options.

For those people who didn't see our last newsletter our **Careers Programme Calendar 2021/22** was attached. To access please click here.....



**We would like to wish you a fun packed/restful Christmas and look forward to welcoming students back in the New Year.**

Best Wishes

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