



MANOR SCHOOL SPORTS COLLEGE

Friday 1 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 12 May Update

I wanted to write to you to offer some clarification, support and guidance during these challenging times. I hope that your families are finding new routines and managing to deal with this exceptional situation.

I want to be clear about the expectations that we have for students with regard to the work for post-16 courses. While the physical building has closed, school itself has not closed down and courses have not been suspended. This means that students must be self-motivated and resilient when it comes to focusing on work. I am worried that some students are not completing the required amount of study and, when we return from the closure, they will find it very difficult to close the gap that has formed. Each week, we have allocated 4 hours of lessons plus 4 hours of private study. This means that students must be assigning 24 hours per week towards their studies. If they are taking 4 A levels, 32 hours is the minimum. Work is set on the school website in two-week blocks, on Microsoft Teams or Show My Homework.

If there are any reasons why students cannot complete the work, please reach out to me, subject teachers or tutors via email. We want to help. Students should also be regularly checking in with tutors via email and meeting all online submission deadlines.

Next Steps

Alongside the challenge of finding a new way to complete education, students must also start to look to the future. We have put together a package of work that will replace the lessons that we had planned in school. Some students will want to go to university, start an apprenticeship or go straight into work. Some might not be sure yet and that is absolutely fine.

I have attached a document with links and resources to webinars, virtual open days and training materials. Over the next two weeks, I would like students to explore these resources and reflect on them. After this, they will be sent a link to an online form that they must complete. It will be evidence of the work completed in order to prepare for their next steps.

I have no doubt that our students will return from this experience stronger, more resilient and able to tackle life's hurdles with ease. I am extremely proud of our Year 12 students and I want them to be in the strongest possible position when we return to school.

Kind Regards

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Year 12 – Next Steps

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Below are six links to resources, webinars, virtual open days and training materials. Over the next two weeks, I would like you to explore these resources and reflect on them. On the 18th May, you will be sent a link to an online form that you **must** complete. It will be evidence of the work you have done in order to prepare for your next steps.

After this, we will begin to look at writing a personal statement. Even if you're not planning on university, everyone will learn how to do it. You never know when your plans will change and personal statements are usually required from jobs and apprenticeships as well as for university.

Click on the icons to take you to the websites.

Webinar Wednesdays



A series of weekly webinars designed to offer support and guidance when selecting and applying for university or apprenticeships.

We **strongly recommend** you take part in these webinars each week.

UCAS



The UCAS website lists those universities that offer online tours/open days. Even if you aren't currently planning on going to university – go to an online open day. What have you got to lose?

UNI TASTER DAYS



A site that lists university events from general open days to subject specific virtual ones (UEA are offering a medical virtual open day) there is an option on the search to list only online events.

Careers support



The link is to a careers advice website with a very useful (and currently free) 8 week careers program. The link takes you through to a Facebook group run by the website.

Observe GP



Observe GP is a free interactive video platform, created by the Royal College of General Practitioners for aspiring medics aged 16+. It provides insights into medicine, in particular general practice, through videos and activities and is launching on 30 April 2020.

Apprenticeships Live



Access the very latest apprenticeship information through live broadcasts – completely free of charge! Don't worry if you can't make the live broadcast – you can watch on catch-up at a time to suit you.

If you have any questions, please email your tutor or sixthform@manorschool

The online form you must complete in two weeks will have the following questions... make sure you complete reading and research that will enable you to answer the questions. The form will be sent to you on Show My Homework.

1. Which links did you explore?
2. Which destinations are you considering after sixth form?
3. If you are interested in going to university, write a reflection on the virtual university open days you have attended. List the universities and the course you are interested in. Aim for approximately 250 words.
4. If you are interested in an apprenticeship, write a reflection on the research you have completed. Aim for approximately 200 words.
5. If you want to go straight into employment, write a reflection on the research you have completed. Aim for approximately 200 words.
6. If you are interested in studying medicine, or attending Oxbridge, describe the additional reading and research that you have undertaken.

Webinar Wednesdays: <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays>

UCAS: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

UNI TASTER DAYS: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/search.aspx>

Careers support: <https://www.careeralchemy.co.uk/inspired-teenager-plus-explained.html>

Observe GP:

https://www.rcgp.org.uk/observegp?utm_campaign=1367317_Launch%20of%20Observe%20GP&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Dotmailer&dm_i=49LX.TB11.5W13JO.3JBQF.1

Apprenticeships Live: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/live-broadcasts/>