



# Year 12 Parents accelerated pathways evening

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013

# Objectives

- Preparing for University applications now.
- How FH6 can guide and supporting you to be best prepared for making the right University choice.
- Making the most of year 12 (not wasting time, lounging around the Atrium chatting, paying cards and eating cake)
- Arranging suitable Work Experience independently over Easter or Summer holidays.

# Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities

- Top 24 Universities in the UK. They typically offer A/A\*'s and they are very competitive. However, some course are more competitive than others and this is part of the research during non-contact study periods.
- <http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/>

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# Personal Statement

- Finally, the UCAS personal statement that you will be writing in June (Aim higher days), are a vital and crucial document to support your applications to get through to an interview, or an offer, **into a very** competitive University market place.
- Top Universities are looking for more than just good grades, but want well-rounded ambassadors who will make a positive contribution

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# Masterclasses and Summer schools

- Mr Webb updates this weebly site regularly. Full of information with very useful links.
- <http://fhscareers.weebly.com/>
- For example there are applications for University Masterclasses and Summer schools can be downloaded and completed. Students will attend these classes unaccompanied. These classes make students applications stand out to University with excellent supporting evidence.

# Non-contact periods and Interventions

- Super Enrichment by arranging work experience relevant to your course. Saturday job in a local Pharmacy. Easter or Summer work experience in a law firm, a doctors surgery, a vets. This could be a contact or just writing a letter enquiring. Volunteering to help out for school events or in the local community.
- Visits to Universities – Cambridge with Mr Webb



# Medics weblink a good start

- St George's hospital
- [www.tasteofmedicine.com#](http://www.tasteofmedicine.com#)
- Junior Conference on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** at Imperial College, London. £10 per student, Unaccompanied. Complete the reply slip on the letter and pay, by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct to Mr Webb.
- Arranging work experience for the summer holidays or start reading medical journal.

# Where to find information?

- The careers section of the sixth form is also very helpful and students should be going there. The librarians, Ms Scotland, Ms Smith and Mrs Panesar will be able to give you further guidance on where to find information about Universities and careers quickly.

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# UCAS Faye at Olympia April

- The UCAS Faye at Olympia, being planned for 2nd April 2014, will also further support your research into Universities options.
- At the faye there will be an key opportunity to ask specific face to face questions about many UK Universities and the courses offered.
- They also want to attract you, the best students onto their courses.

# Connexions careers advisors

- The connexions careers advisor, Bhavish is situated in the office near to the library and MUI. Appointments can be made via Sophie in student service.

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# Small group tutorials

- The students are setting targets fortnightly in small group tutorials to begin looking now and researching Universities, entry requirements, UCAS points, courses, and careers. Speak to them about these targets and how you might be able to help them.
- This will help your tutor to guide you towards to right information and University courses.

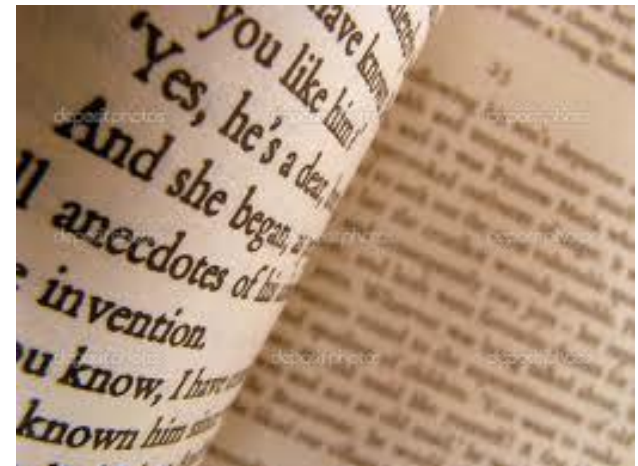
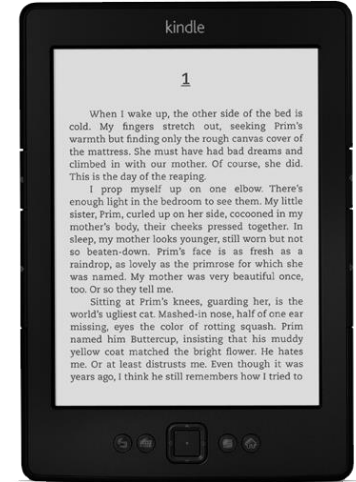
# Wealth of educational resources in London.

- Free Exhibitions, Galleries, Museums, or discounted theatre. I would welcome students organising an event.



# Importance of regular reading ..

- Reading for pleasure ...
- Reading for study ...
- Reading for information ...
- Reading for news ...
- Reading is **essential for all University courses.**



# Actions: What small steps will you take after this meeting?

- Research course requirements? Discuss this with your tutor
- Short list possible University destinations?
- Arrange local work experience relevant to your chosen course or career.
- Extra reading around on the subject – journals in the library.
- Plan your study periods -reading, research, masterclass applications.
- Apply for a summer school or a masterclass.
- Nothing is more powerful in a personal statement to say, “I organised .. I arranged ..”