



# BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Summer term focus on Post 18 Options

In order to help prepare your son/daughter for the decisions they will shortly be making about their future, we will be having a 'Post 18 Options' focus throughout the summer term, mainly during assemblies and form times, but some sessions will be delivered through timetabled enrichment sessions after May half term.

The proposed plan is attached. There is a heavy emphasis on the university route, because this particular pathway requires an application to UCAS. The UCAS process works to a tight deadline and students need to have a thorough understanding of how this process works before they are able to make a competitive application. Students who apply to other routes receive the same amount of support when making their applications but the processes are more individual. We also find that every year a number of students decide to make late applications to UCAS and so it is important that all students understand the UCAS process and application form, even if they do not believe it is anything they are interested in currently.

The programme concludes (**12th-16th July**) with a week of self-directed activities, which can include the completion of one of the following: National Citizenship Service (NCS), virtual work experience or a MOOC (online course on Unifrog or Future Learn). Whichever option your son/daughter chooses, it should relate in some way to their future goal. Your son/daughter will be expected in school on **Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July** for the conclusion of their studies, as well as registering for UCAS or apprenticeships and updating their personal statements to include their recent experiences.

Please discuss the attached programme with your son/daughter and ensure that they understand that each session is important and, unfortunately, will not be repeated, due to demands on time.

If you would like to explore your son/daughter's Post 18 Options in more depth, please go to [www.unifrog.org/student](http://www.unifrog.org/student) and click 'Sign in for the first time'. You will be asked for some details and a form code.

This is what you need: **BSCCPARENTS**

Unifrog has an enormous amount of information about every pathway available to students. We will be using this throughout the sessions during this summer term.

Many thanks for your support,

Yours faithfully,

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## Proposed Summer Term Plan

Summer term 1			
w/c	Monday (assembly)	Form time	Wednesday (Enrichment)
19th April		Intro to the half term focus	
26th April	Big promotion assembly	Intro to HE	
3rd May		UCAS process	
10th May	Is a UK apprenticeship for me?	Choosing your top 5	
	Finding the right Apprenticeship		
17th May		Living Away from home	
24th May	Acing your personal statement	Accommodation	Go through Personal Statement booklet

Summer term 2			
w/c	Monday (assembly)	Form time	Wednesday (Enrichment)
7th June		Student Finance	Post 18 Choices
			Post 18 Planning
14th June	Register for Uni assembly		Goal setting
21st June			Degree Apprenticeships explained
28th June			Geeking out
			Discovering MOOCs
5th July			TBC
12th July	Virtual work experience / Subject enhancement (articles/podcasts etc./ MOOCs (NCS)		
19th and 20th July	Monday and Tuesday working to record experiences on Unifrog and update Personal Statement drafts.		

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