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Dear Year 12 Parents/ Carers and Students,

We are writing to you, to outline our plan for Year 12's 'Next Step' programme. This programme will prepare students for applying for university and/or apprenticeships. Students will be given career advice and guidance along with a workshop day on starting their UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) application and writing their personal statement.

This will start with three tutor groups on Thursday 10th June. Miss Dempsey's, Miss Welsh's and Mr Horne's tutor groups will take part in a workshop day to help them prepare for their next step. The other two tutor groups (Mr Hope's and Miss Halligan's) will take part in their workshop on Friday 11th June. Normal lessons will continue on the other day for the other students, unless they are advised otherwise.

All students will write a personal statement, even if they are not intending to go to university, as this will often be needed as a covering letter for apprenticeships and jobs.

We would appreciate it if parents and carers could provide some support at home in helping them research universities, look at attending some open days and in helping them to put together their personal statement. We have attached a document from UCAS on how the process works, which is worth a read. More information can also be found here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>.

Students have an online platform called '[Unifrog](#)' which they can use for researching courses and universities, as well as apprenticeships. Unifrog is also where students will be writing their draft of their personal statement. Unifrog also has a section on open days, webinars and virtual work experience events. This would definitely be a good place to start with your child when researching and supporting them in their decision making.

Any students who are yet to have an interview with our career's advisor will be scheduled in after half term in one of their free periods and it is essential that they attend this session.

We thank you in advance for your support and we are happy to answer any questions that you have (g.beddow@holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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