



The English Martyrs Catholic
School and Sixth Form College

EMS6 CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

We wish all of our students good luck with their upcoming exams; year 13 sitting their final examinations and year 12 will be sitting end of year assessments. Year 12 have some visits to look forward to, including the UCAS Exhibition on the afternoon of Wednesday 3 May. The whole year group will go to Teesside University to attend a market stall event. Here they will be able to speak to representatives from universities across the UK. This is an excellent opportunity for them to gather information.

Year 13 Work Experience

Our year 13 Digital Media students attended work experience with Orangebox Training Solutions as part of their course. The students enjoyed their week working as part of a professional team, applying their learning in a working environment.



Our year 12 students are continually encouraged to consider their next steps. Experience has shown us that students make great decisions when they are supported by their families. This can be a daunting experience for parents and carers. UCAS and many universities publish guides to help parents and carers to support young people on this journey. On the UCAS website you can sign up to receive a monthly newsletter which is packed with useful information.

[Advice For Parents And Guardians | UCAS | Parent Guide To University](#) , [Parents' Guide | Undergraduate | Newcastle University \(ncl.ac.uk\)](#)

Many students also consider the apprenticeship route. Again, there a number of resources available to parents and carers that you can sign up to receive.

[Support for parents and guardians \(apprenticeships.gov.uk\)](#)
[Parent Zone - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

UCAS

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Opportunities

opendays.com
university and college open days



Universities across the country will be holding open days in the summer term. Please encourage your child to attend at least one open day. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get a feel for a university and to meet current students and academic staff. Some open days fill up quickly and require booking a place – each university is different – details are available on individual websites. There is also [Opendays.com - university and college open days - home page](https://www.opendays.com) and [University events for schools and outreach opportunities | Uni Taster Days](#) that endeavour to list events events but it is advisable to still look at university websites.

Year 12 Work Experience Week

Our year 12 students have been busy securing work experience placements. Students will be on work experience from Monday 3rd July until Friday 7th July. Work experience forms a compulsory part of the year 12 programme to help students develop employability skills and experience working life. This will assist students when it comes to applying for part time employment, university and apprenticeships. Students have been asked to complete a proforma outlining their plans.

UCAS Exhibition – 3rd May

On Monday 24 April we welcomed Marcus into college from Northumbria University. He delivered a useful presentation to our year 12 students on how to make the most of their time at the upcoming UCAS Exhibition.



A reminder that Student Finance England is now open for applications for year 13 students going to university in September. All students can apply for a tuition fee loan and a maintenance loan. Many students will also qualify for a bursary from their chosen university. [Student finance for undergraduates: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) The Department for Education has produced a number of useful YouTube videos that explain the process including repayments. [Understanding your student loan: a guide for English students starting an undergraduate course 2023 - YouTube](#)