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Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed a great week, following a restful and productive summer break. It seems strange to be writing about planning for next steps when term has only just started, but given the options now available for school leavers, time invested now will reap rewards in the future. With that thought in mind, this week's newsletter is aimed predominantly at 6th Formers, but has an important reminder for 5th Form pupils regarding a helpful assessment that is approaching fast.

University Applications & Deadlines:

Following the Assembly from Mr. Percival on Monday, a gentle reminder for those who are applying to University to try to complete the first draft of a personal statement by the 9th September. There are plenty of resources available to support you with this, not least the Higher Education pages on the school intranet ([link here](#)).

External dates for University applications are well advertised, but to ensure that all submissions are checked thoroughly, it is crucial that school internal deadlines are adhered to. In summary, for those making applications to Oxbridge, Music Conservatoires, or degree courses in Dentistry, Medicine or Veterinary Science, the school deadline is Tuesday 1st October. For those applying to the United States, it is Thursday 10th October, with all other University applications required by Friday 15th November.

School Leaver Programmes / Degree Apprenticeships:

While a high proportion of pupils from Shrewsbury School will choose to go on to university, a number of pupils each year apply for School Leaver Programmes (SLP) or Degree Apprenticeships. You are able to apply for these alongside University applications. These programmes are a combination of a traditional apprenticeship-style workplace training, professional skills development, and further education through professional qualifications and, in many cases a degree course.

Options range widely across the professions, with an increasing number of schemes each year. For more information on these, please visit the school intranet pages ([link here](#)), consider making an appointment with myself to discuss the application process, and please attend the presentation on these opportunities which is detailed below!

Morrisby Assessment:

On Wednesday 18th September, all 5th Formers will take the above assessment, which is a series of Psychometric tests to help aid Career planning. From this a detailed, personalized report will be generated, which will make a range of suggestions about employment paths, based on personality traits and individual interests. This will support the post 5th Form planning process which takes place in the Lent Term.

Upcoming Careers Presentations:

Monday 9 th September	Making the Most of a Gap Year (1:45pm)
Tuesday 10 th September	Applying to a Competitive University (7:30pm)
Monday 16 th September	Armed Forces Careers Drop In (1:30pm onwards)
Tuesday 17 th September	Degree Level Apprenticeships (7:30pm)
Tuesday 24 th September	University Presentation on Liberal Arts (7:30pm)

Careers Films:

In the last academic year, several Old Salopians kindly gave their time to talk through their industry experiences. If you are interested in sports, journalism or media work, you will enjoy viewing Jonathan Legard's Shrewsbury story ([click here](#)).

Best wishes,

Mr Wain