



Futures Bulletin

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Welcome back! I hope that all of you have enjoyed plenty of rest and relaxation during recent weeks and feel refreshed for the term ahead. The bulletin below provides an update on key deadlines, activities and events for you to consider.

Upper 6th

- Welcome to your final year at Shrewsbury School! It is an exciting time for you and there is plenty of support available from the team. Mr Percival is visiting the houses this month to chat to you in smaller groups but please make appointments if you wish to discuss your ideas on a one-to-one basis.
- If you are intending to progress to university for the next academic year, it is important you are aware of the deadlines to submit your application. For competitive applications in the United Kingdom (e.g., medicine, Oxbridge), the school internal deadline is Saturday 1st October. For applications to other institutions and courses in the UK, applications need to be submitted by Saturday 5th November. If you are intending to apply to a university outside of the UK, and have not let Mr Percival know, please do so as a matter of urgency so you can access the support you need.
- If you are applying, you should be on your way to drafting a personal statement by this point. If you are struggling for inspiration, you will find the resources on this [page](#) helpful.
- If you are intending to have a gap year and need support with planning this, please make contact so we can do our best to help.
- You may be interested in pursuing a degree apprenticeship. Please contact me if you are and I will talk you through this process. You can apply to a degree apprenticeship alongside a university application. Find out more about these opportunities [here](#).
- To help with your decisions, you may be interested in attending one of the Futures talks which are taking place this term during P6 on a Wednesday. These are compulsory for Lower 6th but optional for your year group. Details [here](#). Confirmation of venues will follow, almost all are in person.
- If you are completely unsure about what your next steps will be, please contact the Futures Department for further advice and guidance. **WE ARE HERE TO HELP!!**

Lower 6th

- From our perspective what is most important in the coming weeks is that you adapt to the different nature of A Level studies and you feel confident with your choices.
- Mr Boyes and I are visiting the Boarding Houses this month to ensure you have fully updated your work experience information from the summer holidays and to introduce you to our online alumni platform. We look forward to seeing you in person.
- For new entrants (welcome!) a reminder that on Thursday 15th September (17:15, Science Lecture Theatre) there is a Futures and Unifrog Induction. Please bring your Laptop / Surface.

5th Form

- This may or may not be good news, but you will be seeing plenty of the Futures Department this term. We are talking to you in assembly next week to provide an outline of our input, which will be focusing on the decisions to be made about your Sixth Form choices and work experience plans.
- Almost all of you were inducted onto Unifrog during PSD last term. If you missed this lesson, please activate your account ASAP, as it is a platform you will be using extensively this academic year. Any questions, please let me know.

General Notices

- If you are interested in studying in America, the forthcoming conference on this topic is an absolute must. Find out more and register [here](#), tickets are going quickly!
- TikTok and Futures bulletins do not often combine, but I thought you would be interested in this [article](#), about a trend described as 'Quiet Quitting'. Reading through the article there are some clear links to here to workplace cultures, work / life balance and job satisfaction, so it is not really anything new, but it has certainly prompted some discussion in our offices!
- OS Charlie Rogers has presented in the school previously and is now writing on various topics related to employability skills and competencies. You can read his thoughts via this [link](#).

Keep well and best wishes,

Mr Wain