



# Futures Bulletin

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Thank you for reading the final bulletin of the Lent Term 2021. I wish you and your family a restful and relaxing Easter holiday break. For this week's edition there is a varied range of notices, opportunities, and activities to consider for Sixth Form students.

## Student Finance (Upper Sixth)

For those due to commence Higher Education this academic year it is important to flag that you can now apply for student finance, with a deadline of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 in place to guarantee you will receive your funds by the start of your course. Further information available [here](#).

## Responding to Offers (Upper Sixth)

A few of you have enquired this week about when you need to respond to the offers you have received for University. I personally find this [page](#) helpful, which includes the following two pertinent points:

- If you receive your last decision on or before **20 May 2021**, your reply date is **10 June 2021** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).
- If you receive your last decision on or before **13 July 2021**, your reply date is **14 July 2021** (including Extra choices)

When we return next month, you will attend a presentation which will cover this, amongst other topics, but perhaps the main thing to emphasize is that your insurance choice should have a lower UCAS tariff requirement than your first choice. If you are completely unsure about where to choose, please make contact and we can support you with this.

## Alternative to Higher Education (Upper Sixth)

For those of you who are seeking a different path than university, there are some interesting opportunities available for application. A smattering of these below:

- Mazars is an international auditing, tax, audit and advisory firm. They have a range of opportunities for school leavers including a digital marketing position, which you can read more about [here](#).
- BT are offering a number of 'commercial management' degree apprenticeships. Further details through this [link](#).
- You may have heard of AstraZeneca?! They are after a project manager apprentice, with A Level grades between A – C. Have a look if that sounds [interesting](#).
- For the engineers amongst you, you might like the look of this [position](#). 3B grades required for this one, which must include Mathematics & Physics.

## Gap Year - Miles Clark Scholarship (Upper & Lower Sixth)

Both year groups have received an email about this from Dr Case, which is aimed at those planning a gap year. There's lots of information included, but to summarize directly from the message '*Essentially, the fund exists to help cover some of the costs you will incur – it is, in short, a potential source of money for those who want to undertake a worthwhile gap year and who put together a well-crafted application*'. That application needs submitting by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 as detailed in the message.

## UCAS Hub (Lower Sixth)

UCAS seem to be doing their utmost to ensure their site is a little more user friendly and with this point in mind are encouraging students to create their own UCAS Hub. You can read more about this [here](#) and create your hub through following the instructions.

## Summer Term Plans (Lower Sixth)

Thank you to the many of you who participated in the wide variety of activities which were arranged for your year group during the Lent Term. These continue into the Summer Term, with a UCAS day and workshops focusing on skill development booked in before the May half term break. Further details to follow but please ensure that you make the most of these opportunities when they are available – all will help shape your plans as you progress towards some key decisions.

Keep well and best wishes,

Mr Wain