Dear Parent/Carer,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information relating to various opportunities in the new term to help your youngster make the transition from school at the end of S6.

For pupils considering applying to university there are two events that take place in August.

We will be hosting a joint Higher Education event on Tuesday, 25th August from 6.30-8.30pm at Dalkeith Schools Campus with St David’s High School. There will be a guest speaker from the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) and we hope to have further speakers from LEAPS, Napier University and Queen Margaret University. This event is open to parents/carers and pupils with refreshments being available.

The annual UCAS Higher Education Careers Conference takes place at the Corn Exchange on the morning of Monday, 31st August. A coach has been booked to take pupils to and from this event. Pupils must ensure that a parental consent form is completed and returned. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Once a pupil has been allocated a place for this trip they must then complete an online booking registration form. Further information will be issued to pupils regarding this.

The table below outlines key UCAS dates for pupils applying to university this session.

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| **August-December** | Applicants can register and start to complete their application |
| **Wednesday, 30th September** | Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science/Medicine applications should be submitted to Guidance staff  Oxford or Cambridge application should be submitted to Guidance staff |
| **Friday, 4th December** | Deadline by which applications for most courses should be submitted to Guidance staff |
| **Thursday, 24th March** | Deadline for application for many Art & Design courses (check each individual course for details) |
| **Thursday, 30th June** | Applications after this date held for ‘Clearing’ |

There will be an opportunity for students who are not considering university, or are still undecided about their future pathways, to attend a Skills Scotland event at The Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh on Thursday, 29th October. Pupils will be able to investigate college and apprenticeship/employment prospects. Consent forms will be issued closer to the time of this event and transport will be provided by the school.

Yours faithfully,

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