

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

University and Apprenticeship Preparation 2021

When your son/daughter returned to school after their AS exams, we ran a personal development programme devised to support them as they start to make decisions about their future.

- To date they have participated in tutor led sessions including:
 - “An Introduction to Post-18 Choices”
 - “An Introduction to Personal Statements”
 - “University v Apprenticeships”
- All students have registered with Unifrog, our new Careers and Destinations platform and had lessons where they have had a chance to research their options.
- Jane Marshall, an experienced admissions tutor, has given an assembly to the whole year group about the importance of their personal statements and how to write them.
- A representative from “Amazing Apprenticeships” has given an assembly to the whole year group giving information on Higher and Degree Apprenticeships
- Every student has taken part in an IT session where they have started an online UCAS application.

This term those students who are applying to university will be required to finish their personal statement and ensure their online application is complete. Predicted grades were issued on 16th September and these should help students in their final 5 university choices. Please note that we would suggest that students apply for a mix of aspirational, solid and safe choices when completing their choices.



Students who are looking at apprenticeships do not have these set deadlines, as apprenticeship vacancies happen throughout the year. Support will be offered to these students during the Autumn and Spring terms.

We recognise how important parent support is for our students as they make decisions about their future, and would ask that if you have any questions regarding the UCAS process, apprenticeships, or employment applications, you contact us by phone or email ceh@shsb.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Mrs C Hamilton
Post-18 Student Adviser & Careers Lead

