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Dear Parents,

UCAS Year 12 university applications

The university application process is now underway with Year 12 students.

When applying for university, students complete a single online form at www.ucas.com listing their five course choices, as well as completing personal details and a single personal statement. The school concurrently writes the reference for each student and this process is also underway. On completion of each application, UCAS then forward the online form to each individual institution.

The internal school deadline for completion of UCAS forms is 3.30pm on Friday 22nd October 2021.

All students have a UCAS account and they are now populating this with personal information and details of previous and forthcoming examinations. For your information, I have attached account access details. Some students are able to list their five choices and many have already started work on their personal statement.

I strongly encourage your child to send me a draft of their personal statement between now and Friday 24th September July at 3.30pm as the deadline for this part of the application process. This should be emailed in a word document to sarahhoskins@newman.cumbria.sch.uk with your child's name and course choices in bold at the top. Our recent sessions in school have included, amongst other things, how to write a personal statement and the application cycle. Students have a writing frame to work to should they choose to do so. We have encouraged students who are unsure about university to apply anyway, as it is easier to withdraw an application than lodge a late submission.

This process is obviously highly personal to each individual student and we do provide a lot of individual support in school. Students are strongly encouraged to attend university open days and these are detailed on the websites of each institution.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this process or would like to discuss your child's options in greater detail. I can be reached at the above email address.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Hoskins
Head of Sixth Form