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Year 13 Newsletter

Monday 27 April 2020

Welcome 'back'. Two weeks 'break' over Easter probably felt a bit odd for everyone but maybe it gave us all an opportunity to do something different.

Year 13 will have grades on your mind. As a school, we are busy arranging the processes to do this proper justice. Most of the process is now set out for us by Ofqual, the government organisation tasked with coordinating the process with schools and exam boards. This newsletter includes lots of information for you to look at on grades, UCAS, student finance and extended learning.



Check out Ofqual's video to students here - [click here](#)

Mr Ryan wrote to all Year 13 families on 6 April 2020 outlining what this update means for students at The Elmgreen Sixth Form, this can be found [here](#).

Results day will be on Thursday 13 August 2020.

Stay Safe, Stay Well, Stay Home

Ms West



The deadline for applicants to make your firm and insurance choices is **Tuesday 19 May 2020**.

If you received any of your offers after 31st March, your deadline is Thursday 18 June 2020.

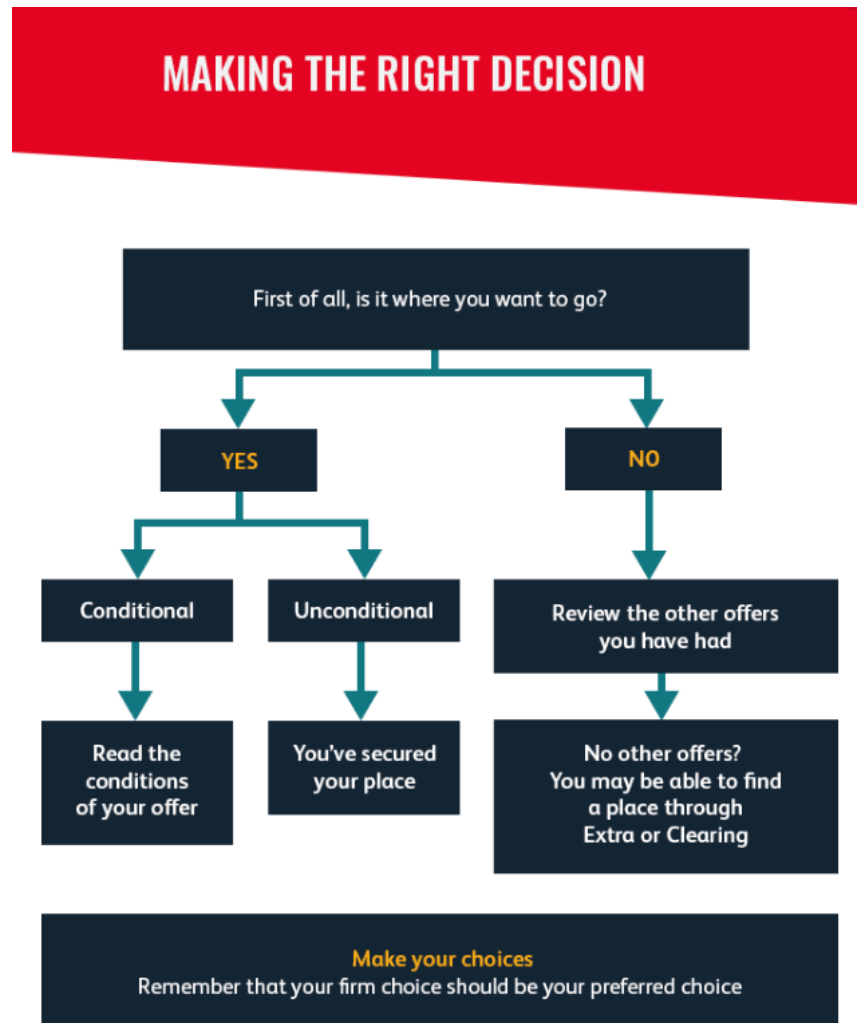
UCAS Update – Making the right decision

Students now have more time to make informed choices. If you are unsure, the UCAS website, under the heading 'student life' offers the opportunity to chat to current students on courses at universities across the UK. Reaching out to these current students will provide valuable insight to those still unsure on their preferred universities.

Furthermore, there are also Virtual Open Days on offer. If you did not have a chance to visit all of your choices, you could consider going on the University's website and/or the UCAS website to see if any Virtual tours or Open Days are available. A list of Virtual Open Days can be found [here](#).

These opportunities are particularly important for those who are undecided. If you have any queries regarding your University application, please do get in touch with us so that we can support you through these uncertain times.

You can also check out a UCAS webinar broadcast on Thursday 23 April - [click here](#)

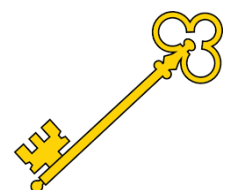


Getting questions from parents about their child's future?

UCAS are also hosting a Q&A for parents, guardians, and carers, live on Facebook this Thursday, 30 April, at 16:00.

Mr Sandoe

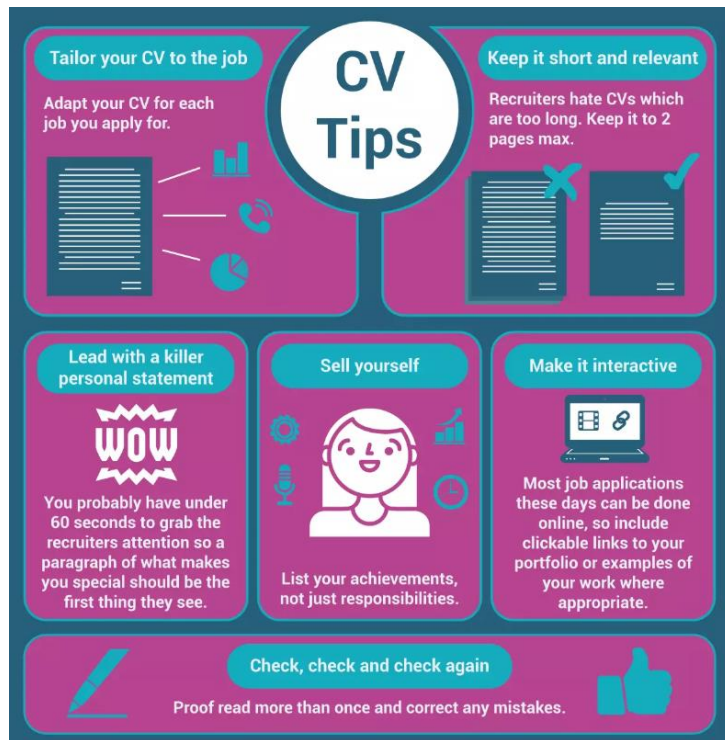
Communication is key



Subject teachers and the sixth form team have been making phone calls to all students and families to ensure that you are all well and will answer any questions that you might have.

If you have any questions please email sixthform@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk and a member of the team will get back to you.

CV Writing



Many of you at this time will be considering taking either full time of part time positions of work to support you at either University or at home. Therefore, it is sensible for you to dedicate some of this time towards updating or writing your curriculum vitae (CV). Your CV is the first impression that employers receive from you and will impact their decision on whether or not to invite you to an interview. Your CV must highlight the experience and skills you have that make you a desirable employee. I have provided some guidance on how to

construct a CV in the links below. If you would like any feedback or support, please do make contact with the Sixth Form Team.

Prospect: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/cvs-and-cover-letters/how-to-write-a-cv>

Standout CV Video: [Click Here](#)

Student Finance

If you are planning to start University this September, it is advised that you apply for this as soon as possible. When completing the application you will need your Passport, National Insurance Number and bank details (in your own name). If at a later date you decide that the University you selected for Student Finance is not the one you decide to go to, it can easily be changed on the Student Finance England website. Student Finance

England offers a number of useful videos that explain student finance to students, they can be found [here](#).

If you are deferring your start date at University until 2021 you do not need to worry about completing your application to Student Finance at this stage.

Applications can be made [here](#).

You may choose to register for a Student Finance Webinar hosted by the University of Roehampton [here](#).

University Finance Quiz



Below you will find a quiz on

university finance. Watch the videos. Submit your answers to get a score but each answer includes lots of information, so take your time with it. Now is the time to start applying

for student finance.

University Finance Quiz - how much do you know? - [click here](#)



Student Accommodation

You must ensure that you have applied for accommodation for your Firm choice university. For some further thoughts on the accommodation options available to you then read the guide from [Prospects: What you need to know about student accommodation](#)

Academic Preparation for University

For those of you hoping to go to university in September 2020 then we encourage you to do the following to ensure that you can make the best possible start:

1. Hone your skills in the relevant A Levels - this is particularly important if you are looking to study a course that directly builds on A Level knowledge.
2. Get the course reading list - hopefully the university will have already made this available to you, otherwise you may need to look online or email the department.

3. Look at the [HE+ website](#) which has resources for each subject area
4. Complete a MOOC - consider doing either something subject specific (use [Futurelearn](#))
5. Brush up on your independent study skills so crucial at university using the [UCAS Study Skills Guides](#)



Click on the links above and they will take you directly to the websites.

Year 13 Home Learning Tasks

Below you will find some suggested online courses, podcasts and reading tasks for your A level subjects. You will also find general courses for study skills. Choose any of the following courses, podcasts, lectures or articles that might be of interest. You may wish to undertake an online course that is directly relevant to your chosen degree or apprenticeship or a course that is of interest.

Subject Areas	Year 13 Extended Learning Tasks
Art	<p>Something to listen to: National Gallery Online Lectures</p> <p>Online courses: Introduction to Creative AI Pictures of Youth: An Introduction to Children’s Visual Culture</p>
Biology	<p>Online courses: COVID-19: Pandemics, Modelling, and Policy</p> <p>Something to listen to: The Natural Selection Podcast Infinite Monkey Cage Project Podcast Horizons</p>
Business	<p>Something to listen to: Is the UK up for sale? Podcast</p> <p>Something to read: www.bbc.co.uk/news/business ‘The Undercover Economist’ by Tim Harford is an easy read. The book (or audiobook) is broken into chapters and you don't need to read the lot in one go.</p>
Chemistry	<p>Something to listen to: Royal Society for Chemistry Podcast (click here)</p> <p>Something to read: Royal Society of Chemistry</p>
Computer Science	<p>Something to listen to: Infinite Monkey Cage Project Podcast</p> <p>Online course:</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Introduction to Creative AI</u> <u>How To Start Your Career In Games Development</u></p>
Drama	<p style="text-align: center;">Something to listen to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Frantic Assembly's digital library</u>; arguably the best theatre company in the world! Watch Shakespeare's chilling Scottish tragedy Macbeth realised by Emmy-winning magician Teller (of Penn & Teller); a startling, supernatural show brimming with magic, mayhem, and madness</p>
Economics	<p style="text-align: center;">Online course: <u>Global Prosperity Beyond GDP</u> <u>Challenging Wealth and Income Inequality</u></p>
English Literature	<p style="text-align: center;">Online course: <u>A-level Study Boost: Unseen Poetry and the Creative Process</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Something to listen to: <u>BBC The Verb</u></p>
Health and Social Care	<p style="text-align: center;">Online Course: <u>The NHS Explained: How the Health System in England Really Works</u> <u>Managing Change in a Healthcare Environment</u></p>
History	<p style="text-align: center;">Online courses to complete:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Learning from the Past: A Guide for the Curious Researcher</u> <u>Beyond the Ballot: Women's Rights and Suffrage from 1866 to Today</u></p>
Mathematics	<p style="text-align: center;">Something to listen to: <u>The Secrets of Mathematics</u> Podcast</p>
Media	<p style="text-align: center;">Something to listen to:</p> <p>BBC iPlayer has two excellent set of resources which explore different genres. The first is <u>Inside Cinema: For Movie Fans</u>; 35 short episodes, each focusing on a different code or convention. <u>Mark Kermode's Secrets of Cinema</u>; a series of 5 episodes, each focusing on a different genre.</p>
Philosophy	<p style="text-align: center;">Something to listen to: <u>Thinking Out Loud: leading philosophers discuss topical global issues</u></p>

Physics	<p>Something to listen to:</p> <p><u>The Natural Selection Podcast</u> <u>Infinite Monkey Cage Project Podcast</u></p>
Product Design	<p>Online course:</p> <p><u>Modern Building Design</u></p>
Psychology	<p>Something to listen</p> <p>'PsychCrunch' The British Psychological Society research digest podcast <u>(click here)</u></p> <p>Online courses:</p> <p>Young People and Their Mental Health <u>What are the most common mental health problems, what can you do about them and how do you improve your mental health?</u></p> <p>Forensic Psychology: Witness Investigation <u>Discover how forensic psychology helps obtain evidence from eyewitnesses in police investigations and prevents cases of injustice.</u></p>
Sociology	<p>Something to listen to:</p> <p><u>Thinking Aloud</u></p> <p>BBC Sounds have several podcasts that explore real-life crimes. This can be found on their true crime page <u>(click here)</u></p> <p>Online course:</p> <p><u>Make Change Happen</u> <u>Football: More than a Game</u> <u>Challenging Wealth and Income Inequality</u></p>
Spanish	<p>Something to listen to:</p> <p>Listen to a Spanish radio station Cadena Dial <u>(https://play.cadenadial.com)</u> . This station plays only Spanish music with plenty of current pop songs</p> <p>Online course:</p> <p><u>Getting to Know Catalonia: An Introduction to the Catalan Language, Culture and Society</u></p>
General Courses	<p>Online courses to complete:</p>

	<p><u>Critical Thinking at University: An Introduction</u> <u>Prepare for Career Success at University</u></p>
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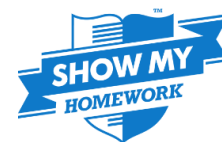
Accessing School Work - Year 13

Year 13 - to help students get ready for university entry and to have an option to take an exam in 2021, staff will be setting work so you can complete the specification. Please email the sixthform@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk if you have any questions or specific support with this.



Google Classroom

Google Classroom and Show my Homework are the main platforms for accessing school work from your subject teachers. Please log in regularly.



Free School Meals (FSM)

You need to be registered for Free School Meals to receive them. If you think you qualify but haven't previously applied then apply here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

When you receive official notification that you **qualify** (not that you have applied) then we will be informed and we will add you to the list.

Useful links to support your Health & Wellbeing

Joe Wicks - 9am every morning on [here](#)

Mental Health support provided here: [Young Minds](#) and [Kooth](#)

Meditation and sleep : <https://www.headspace.com/>

Relax - mindfulness and meditation app : <https://www.calm.com/signup-flow>



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