

You are receiving this as your son/ daughter is applying (or had indicated intent to apply) to university.

Below is a brief update of where the University Application process is. I thought this would be useful given the lack of parents evening this session.

- Pupils applying for early application courses (Vet Med, Dentistry, Medicine) sent their applications to UCAS before the Oct break- well done folks!
- Pupils should have now selected their chosen courses at university and completed at least a draft version of their personal statements - they can choose to have these read by Mr Clelland or Mr Simpson before they send it to Pastoral Care or they can send direct (via email) to Pastoral Care
- Pupils should have asked 3 class teachers for short references that can assist Pastoral Care in doing their longer Teacher Statements.
- The UCAS support sessions in school that have been running since August each Thu (for the most part) will end next **Thu 29th Oct**. Pupils are expected to link with Pastoral Care teachers after this to ensure Personal Statements/ Teacher Statements are completed and that the application is sent to UCAS as early as possible- this is particularly important this year given that much of the communication between pupils and staff is via email.
- **Top Up:** Glasgow University-run Top Up Programme is open to all eligible pupils and starts on **Thu 5th Nov**. Pupils have been emailed about this- you can find more information here: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/wp/supportingaccessstogeneralsubjects/top-up/>
 - The deadline for registering for Top Up is **Fri 23rd Oct**.
 - Top Up will be undertaken remotely this year- pupils will access the live sessions every Thu online via Teams using iPads. They can choose to do this where they like (inc home) and if needed a room can be arranged for those who would prefer to be in school (pupils will need headphones for this).
- **Finally, pupils should aim to complete their UCAS applications as soon as possible. With the COVID situation remaining fragile it is in everyone's interest to allow pupils to focus on their studies and get UCAS 'off the list'. Pastoral Care are already working hard on finalising applications for those pupils who have supplied them with personal statements but please note, this can take time. Some Pastoral Care Teachers have more than 20 applicants to process/ write a reference for.**
- **The school deadline is for all applications to be completed by the Christmas break- however we are very keen applications are sent well before this.**

If you have any questions about the UCAS process please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below

Thank you,

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