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SPRING TERM YEAR 12: FUTURE PATHWAYS FOCUS

Dear Parent / Carer,

In keeping with our commitment to provide Highcliffe Sixth Form students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next steps after their A Levels, we use an award-winning, online careers platform called **Unifrog**. All Sixth Form students have access to this excellent resource. Students will be following a programme during **tutor time** in the spring term, helping them to navigate the platform. We expect **all students to be in tutor time 08:35am – 9am on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning** for the duration of the Spring Term.

The Unifrog platform is designed to support students in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for Sixth Form students. Each student has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations. Key features of the platform include:

- Exploring Pathways – personality quizzes, career and subject profiles, university and employability webinars
- Recording – self-reflection about their enrichment activities and key employability skills
- Opportunities – search tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships, universities searches (in the UK and abroad), Oxbridge, virtual work experience and much more
- Applications – tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways (e.g., CVs, Personal Statements)

Students log in to Unifrog [Unifrog - The universal destinations platform](#) using their school email address and password and they can do so from any computer, tablet or smartphone. We would encourage you to use the platform with your child so you can support them through the process of deciding their next step.

Core Enrichment Lessons – Spring Term

Alongside the Unifrog platform, **we are delivering a programme of presentations to students during their Tuesday P2 & P5 (X) or Thursday P1 & Friday P2 (Y) Core Enrichment lessons, informing them and supporting them with their future pathway choices.** Presentations include: *Gap Year; Internships; Apprenticeships; Degree Apprenticeships; Further Education Colleges; University research and application process; Student Finance; building a LinkedIn profile; writing a Compelling CV; and work experience.* We expect students who have Core Enrichment timetabled (Coded EX) to attend the presentations in the study centre each week to receive this valuable input and support.

Work Experience

A reminder that our **Year 12 Work Experience week is 18th March – 22nd March 2024**. Students should have secured a placement by now. If your child has not secured a placement, please can you encourage them to reach out to employers. Students have been given guidance on communication to employers via e-mail last term. Once a placement has been agreed, students use the Unifrog 'placements' tool to record their placement.

It is our intention that students are fully informed of their next step choices this term. It is imperative that students **undertake their own research outside of tutor time and enrichment time, to help them make the right choices**. They must be proactive. As we move into the summer term, students start narrowing their choices. The University application process begins in May, alongside apprenticeship and job application preparation.

Thank you for your support by encouraging your child to engage with the range of activities we are providing which are designed so they can make the best-informed choices for their futures.

Kind Regards



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