



Hazelwick School

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10th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are encouraging students to take part in the **UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair** on **Wednesday 17th March** (12:00-18:00). This free event features over 100 universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers from around the UK, along with 10 interactive webinars and **virtual campus tours**, and is aimed at year 12, as well as parents. The event will provide your child with all the information they need to make informed decisions about their post-18 options. Students, parents and carers simply need to register online at: <https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com>

We recommend students spend between 45 and 90 minutes at the event and can login at any time between 12 and 6pm.

Students are welcome to access the event either at home or in school. The Octagon will remain open until 4.30 and drinks and snacks will be provided for any students who would like to remain in school to attend the online event. If students have supervised studies timetabled during lesson 5 and would like to access the event from home they can use the EXEAT system by notifying Mrs Hughes before the 17th March.

Students and parents/carers can chat directly with a mixture of Russell Group, red brick, and modern universities from around the UK to find out invaluable information about courses, modules and life at university, and discover what admissions tutors are looking for in UCAS applications. Attendees can also speak to colleges and local and national companies about their apprenticeship schemes.

Many exhibitors also offer virtual campus tours. 10 interactive webinars will run throughout the day on a variety of university and apprenticeship topics, such as UCAS Personal Statements, Careers & Employability, Student Finance, and Apprenticeships. The webinars are run by university and apprenticeship professionals who will also host Q&A sessions after the presentations. You can view the webinar timetable and presenters list using this link: <https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/en/webinar-timetable>

Each webinar is recorded so students can watch any of interest after the live session has taken place. Students should aim to register in advance to receive reminder emails with new exhibitor alerts, information on how the day will work and how your child can make the most of the exhibitor interactions. We will be using the pastoral program in tutor time during the week commencing 15th March to support students to prepare for this event and follow up with any questions afterwards.

I hope that students will find this session useful in helping them begin to think about options after sixth form and motivate them to prepare appropriately for courses that interest them in the coming weeks and months. Further support around applications for university and apprenticeships is scheduled for the second half of the summer term.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Owen". The letters are cursive and connected, with a small dot at the end.

Dr Jenny Owen
Assistant Head of Sixth Form