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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 13 Students,

### **UCAS update**

We know that this is a very uncertain time for many of you who are in the process of deciding on your responses to university offers. We wanted to share with you the latest government updates issued on May 4<sup>th</sup> and explain how they may affect you.

### **Unconditional Offers**

UCAS is asking schools to 'advise students not to rush into making any decisions, and to carefully consider any unconditional offers'. The government has announced it will be implementing student number controls for all universities to ensure a spread of students across all providers. It has re-emphasised that universities must not pressure students to make decisions quickly which might be against their own interests.

If you receive an unconditional offer, you should consider if this really is the right provider and course for you before making a final decision. Please do talk to us before you do anything. UCAS have also extended their offer deadlines for undergraduate applicants. All those affected by this change will have been emailed by UCAS. It's important to remember that places are not decided on grades alone and universities will continue to look carefully at the other information. The personal statement and reference are important factors in the decision-making process along with your interview, portfolio submission or audition where relevant.

### **Student Tuition Fees**

Student tuition fees will remain at the full amount next year. Decisions regarding start dates are not confirmed at this point and will be made by individual universities.

### **Student Support on Results Day**

To help you make the best decision for you, UCAS has changed its Clearing process this year and, if you wish, you will be able to review your original choices. In other words, both 'placed' and 'unplaced' students will have the opportunity to change their choice of provider/course once they receive their grades. A new service that can suggest alternative opportunities, based on your achievements, course interest, and preferences will be also be available this year. UCAS is also working with BBC Bitesize to publish more detailed advice on applying to university and Clearing.

Those of you who chose not to apply to university or further education may now wish to put in an application. If this is the case, please do contact Mrs Arnold, [larnold@corbytechnicalschool.org](mailto:larnold@corbytechnicalschool.org) so that we can help you get started.

We know that this is not the end to sixth form life that you expected, and it is certainly not what we would have wanted. We will continue to support you with your next steps and will provide you with further updates as we have them. In the meantime, you can find full details of this guidance at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-he-providers-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/actions-for-he-providers-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>.

Yours sincerely,



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