



Dear Lower Sixth Form Parents, Guardians and Boys,

### **Beyond Bedford and Higher Education Evening, Wednesday 10 February**

As seen in the Key Academic Dates documentation, on Wednesday 10 February 2021 we are holding our Beyond Bedford and Higher Education Evening for all boys in the Lower Sixth and their parents/guardians.

This year we will be holding the event online, with a **6.30pm GMT** start time. A Microsoft Teams link will be sent nearer the time. For those who cannot attend at that time, there will be follow-up opportunities and resources placed on Firefly.

There will be information and discussion to enable you to understand the route Beyond Bedford, the university application process, requirements and timings for the UK, coupled with a carousel of sessions throughout the evening covering Oxbridge Applications, Clinical Applications, USA applications, HK and Asia applications, University Choices, and Degree Apprenticeships. Please [sign up here](#) indicating which sessions you would like to attend - they will all run three times throughout the evening in order to allow you to attend three sessions. The deadline for signing up is **Monday 8 February**, and Teams links will be sent out later that week.

You will be aware, via the last two Upper Bulletins, that the boys will be taking the MyUniChoices (formerly Centigrade) questionnaire on Tuesday 9 February during Citizenship Morning. Perfect timing! This academic measure and interest-based questionnaire is designed specifically to match our boys with preferentially sequenced careers identities, alongside courses and institutions which they may well wish to explore further. They will receive instant personalised feedback on university courses and institutions that are likely to suit them.

The boys can use this to seek out Careers resources via Firefly. Their Unifrog accounts are all present and updated, where is a wealth of additional reading, webinars and MOOCs available – one of the most useful tools is the Subjects Library, which allows boys to search for subjects and topics they have enjoyed and hear from students at university actually studying those subjects, with comprehensive guides to read and further information and where to go next. The Special Opportunities section allows boys to search for those all-important Insight events, often held at universities, and also lists scholarships available to apply for. Also on Unifrog are resources for Oxbridge applications, CV-writing tools, apprenticeship search engines, international application search engines and, of course, a UK university degree course-finder linked to UCAS and directly updated with the latest course information.

The whole Careers Team at Bedford School, myself included, are very much looking forward to taking your boys through the next few months as they plan their exciting futures. As the spring and summer terms progress, there will be opportunities and time built into the school day for focussing on UCAS and other applications, with support from a whole team of staff. Heads of Department are a great first call, their Tutor, who collates their subject references and writes their full references, must be kept in the loop with all that they do, their Housemaster, who will be instrumental in helping them complete the UCAS and other application forms on time and to deadline, and of course myself, Mrs Fox-Johnson (our Careers Adviser), Ms Wainwright as Oxbridge Coordinator and Mr Beale for Clinical Applications. Ms Elsby also plays a crucial role in the administration and support for UK and international applications.

For now, please encourage your son to use all the resources available to him and do [email me](#) with any questions you may have at this time.

Please remember to sign up by clicking the link above, and do make every effort to attend as this is an important evening for your son's future.

Thank you and best regards,

Mrs M Lincoln  
**Head of Careers and UCAS**