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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Applying for Oxford and Cambridge**

This would be the time of year when we would hold an information evening for our Year 10/11 and Year 12 students who might be interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge University. Unfortunately due to the current situation we are unable to do this so the information has gone virtual!

On the school website in the Sixth Form area you will find a presentation called 'Applying to Oxford and Cambridge.' The presentation includes links to various external websites which contain lots of information about studying at these two prestigious universities. You will also find a film where I interviewed two of our former students who are currently studying at Oxford University.

Oxford and Cambridge are not for every student but my main message to all students is do the research; find out whether this is something you might be interested in, then you can make an informed decision.

Year 10 and 11 students can begin to think about the A Levels they might take to help them with their application to university. This is especially relevant to our Year 11 students as the Sixth Form Information Event will be shared virtually on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November via the school website.

Year 12 students should begin researching what they want to study at university and investigate whether or not Oxford or Cambridge could be for them. They should also have informed their form tutors that they are interested in applying.

Throughout the year I receive information from Oxford and Cambridge about courses and events they run for students in all year groups; this information I share with Heads of Year and Form Tutors and sometimes directly to the students via their school email. If your child is thinking about applying to Oxford or Cambridge then I would recommend that they try and participate in one of these as it really does give a flavour of what studying there might be like.

I hope the presentation provides you with some interesting information. If you have any questions regarding applying to Oxford or Cambridge then please do not hesitate to contact me via Parent Mail.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Dayton'.

**Miss F Dayton**  
Deputy Head of Sixth Form