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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, your child is entering the final stages of their journey at Ark Victoria Academy. The next stage of their journey is to look at their destinations. It is statutory that your child must continue their educational journey at a post-16 or a training provider. At Ark Victoria, we are committed to helping your child choose a route that is most appropriate for them.

We are asking for all Year 11s to apply to at least two sixth form, college or apprenticeship applications by the 17th December 2020 and make a further application by 12th February 2021.

### **What support have we put into place?**

- We have surveyed all pupils to see what their interest are and will use this information to speak to them about their destinations.
- We have a qualified Careers Advisor who is virtually giving career guidance to your child.
- Form tutors are tracking and having destination conversations with your child.
- Every Tuesday morning, we have had a university, college or sixth form virtually present their courses, pathways and options available to Y11.
- We have published and sent all Y11 parents a list of virtual open days for local colleges and sixth forms. Information can be found here: <https://arkvictoria.org/pathways-and-enrichment#>
- We have invested into an online destination's platform called Unifrog. Pupils have already received training for this and are using it to research different career choices.

### **How you can support us:**

- Please continue your conversations with your child regarding their next destination and check entry requirements. A lot of information is available on the provider's website.
- Please attend the virtual open days / evenings for the different sixth form, colleges and apprenticeships.
- Please sign up to Unifrog and as a parent, you can also have access to our online destination's platform.

### **What is Unifrog?**

Unifrog brings into one place every undergraduate university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes and every college at Oxford and Cambridge. This makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for them. They can also explore exciting opportunities further afield by looking at English-taught undergraduate programmes available in Europe and the

USA.

Additionally, the platform helps students successfully apply for these opportunities by using Unifrog to write their personal statement, applications and CVs and guiding them through the process, allowing teachers to give live feedback.

We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to truly support your child. The form code you need is: 'ARKVparents' and you can sign up here: [www.unifrog.org/code](http://www.unifrog.org/code).

Thank you for your support and let us continue to work together to ensure that your child goes onto a destination or a career or their choice.

Yours faithfully,

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