



Hinchingsbrooke School

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4 October 2013

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 'Post 16' Online Application Process (OLAP)/Study Skills Information Evening

Wednesday 16th October 7.00 pm.

There has been a significant change to the application process for Post 16 courses at most Huntingdon area and Cambridgeshire schools and colleges in the past three years. This has been successful and will be repeated again this year, with an increased number of Post 16 course providers taking part.

This means that all Hinchingsbrooke year 11 students, making Post 16 applications for courses at participating schools and colleges, will need to do so using the 'Online Application Process' (or OLAP). This includes those aiming to apply for the Hinchingsbrooke 6th form, as well as applications to external centres.

There has been a large reduction in Connexions services. Consequently OLAP has an increased importance in planning and information for future progression by students. We will inform and assist our year 11 students in following the OLAP process through information assemblies, and via year 11 tutorials with tutors and support teams.

I would like to invite you to attend the 'OLAP/Study Skills Parent Information Evening', on Wednesday 16th October. This begins at 7.00 p.m. and will be held in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC - next to lower school). We are fortunate to have Janet Harris, Cambridgeshire County Council Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Manager for Personal Learning, to present on the UCAS Progress (OLAP) website, and to go through aspects of the 'Online Application Process'.

The Hinchingsbrooke Examinations Officer, Anna Grantham, will be clarifying exam procedure. We will also share our thoughts on study skills, particularly as preparation for the forthcoming mocks and exams starting in November.

Follow the link for guidance on 'Getting Started with UCAS Progress Search' (OLAP) at:
<http://www.ucasprogress.com/static/GettingStartedWithSearch.pdf> Also: www.ucasprogress.com/ and www.youthoria.org/

Please note: if you have any specific queries about Hinchingsbrooke School's 6th form and courses, there is a 'Sixth Form Open Evening', held by the 6th form team to answer your questions on 3/12/13.

If you will be attending the 'OLAP/Study Skills Information evening for Parents' please complete and return the reply slip below, to your son or daughter's tutor by Tuesday, 15th October.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Andy Bennett,
Head of Information, Advice and Guidance

Mrs. Jackie Hodgson,
Head of Middle School

OLAP Evening Reply Slip – Attention Laura Davison

Student Name _____

Tutor Group _____

We will/will not be attending the 'OLAP/Study skills Information evening for Parents': Wednesday, 16th October, 7.00 p.m.

Name of Parent/Carer

Signature of Parent/Carer _____ Date _____

Alternatively please email Laura Davison ljid@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk to let her know if you will be attending