



# HIGH STORRS ALUMNI

## UCAS AND OTHER POST 18 APPLICATIONS

Throughout Sixth Form we support students with their Post 18 applications.

This involves a lot of work on both the student side (support with choices, the application form, drafting and editing a personal statement) and the school side (checking applications carefully, predicted grades, subject and overall references).

### CONTEXT

We have experienced increasing numbers of ex-students request support with their UCAS and other Post 18 applications after they have left High Storrs.

If students let us know formally in the summer term of Y13 that they will be making applications the following year (in a gap year) we will ensure we have everything ready for their application before the end of the academic year that they are still a student on roll with us.

If an ex-student contacts us after they have left High Storrs to request application support and/or a reference for Post 18 applications, we will provide this help but will need to charge an administration fee. In 2023-24 this is £30 to complete this work.

### PREDICTED GRADES

If an alumnus is resitting an A Level/ BTEC subject and requires a predicted grade as part of their application, High Storrs will predict one grade higher than their final grade at the end of Year 13. This is to recognise and acknowledge the work that we expect they will put in to prepare for resitting the course a year later. As we are not directly involved in the ex-student's resit preparation (as they are no longer a student at High Storrs and are only using us as exam centre) we do not have any evidence to predict higher than this. This links directly with section 3 of our Predicted Grades Principles for current students.

Ex-students who feel that they will make more than a one grade improvement in their result are advised to explain this in their personal statement.

Ex-students can choose to apply for university independently of the school and find another advocate for their predicted grade(s), but would then need a reference from outside High Storrs.

Alumni wishing to apply for a Post 18 destination through High Storrs should complete the following steps:

>> Contact [sixthform@highstorrs.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@highstorrs.sheffield.sch.uk) to inform us of their plans. Please provide your contact details (including telephone number)

>> Pay £30 via the school's ParentPay Shop:

(<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=780>) using **HSS UCAS** as the reference and confirm to the above email address that this payment has been made.

Following these actions, a member of the Sixth Form Team will be in touch with detailed information about the application process.

We provide clear steps and guidance to enable applications to be completed fully and accurately. Please be aware that failure to follow this guidance may result in more administration time being needed to follow up and correct errors. This will incur an additional fee.

Please be aware that if we have not had any contact with an ex-student for a significant period of time, it may not be appropriate for us to provide a reference as we will be unable to make relevant and up-to-date comments on the individual.



## **Summer 2023**

### ***Results Day Message!***

If you want to apply for university next academic year, please ensure you email [sixthform@highstorrs.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@highstorrs.sheffield.sch.uk) before Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 so that we can support your application.