

19 January 2026

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Non-UCAS Update

According to my records you have a child in Year 13/14 who has chosen not to apply through UCAS, for a place at university and as such is considering an apprenticeship, employment, or a gap year.

Apprenticeships/Employment

Students may already be well advanced in this process or may be waiting for the right opportunity to appear. We advise all students to regularly check the following websites for apprenticeship opportunities:

- [UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education](#) UCAS has an apprenticeship search function in the main search bar
- [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)

Other websites such as [Job Search | Indeed](#) also highlight current job vacancies. Many large businesses advertise their own apprenticeships via their own websites.

Gap Year

Students considering a gap year may choose to stay locally to volunteer, or to gain temporary employment. Others may wish to plan a gap year which involves travelling and work overseas. There are many organisations that help to facilitate this including:

- [Volunteer Abroad with Plan My Gap Year | #1 Affordable & Trusted Programs](#)
- [Gap Year & Adventure Travel Experts for 18-30's | Gap 360](#)
- [Gap year advice | National Careers Service](#)
- [Camp America® USA Summer Jobs in America Since 1969 | Camp America](#)

On 26 February I will also be available from 4.30 pm until 6 pm for any parent who would like an opportunity to discuss potential destinations for any student who is currently unsure about what to do next. If you would like to meet during this time, please contact me on darren.andrews@driffieldschool.org.uk and I'll do all I can to help.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Andrews
Head of Sixth Form

