

Year 13 Start of Year - Independent Study Exercise

In recent years, Year 13 students have started the year by coming into college for one day during the week before the start of formal lessons. At this point, they would have one lesson per subject and be set work to be completed by the first lesson back. Students would also collect their Year 13 student ID card on this day.

Due to the current situation, and the need for social distancing whilst enrolling Year 12 students, we are unable to invite Year 13 students into college over this period and so are setting a task remotely in place of the usual start of year activity. Your current Student ID card will serve as your Year 13 ID and there is no need to obtain a new card.

The exercise is in 2 parts and **both elements are compulsory for all students:**

- I. A Personal VESPA Progress Review
- II. Revision of the careers/HE work covered towards the end of Year 12

Personal VESPA Progress Review

This task is in the VESPA format and asks you to reflect on the progress you have made so far. Having done this, we ask you to make a pledge on how you intend to apply the different aspects of VESPA to the coming year. Your responses will be monitored by your academic coach and will provide the basis for future 1:1 discussions.

Please click on the following link to start the exercise [Click here for link](#)

UCAS Personal Statement / CV

To-date we have over 600 UCAS forms registered on the College section of the UCAS site. However, in a typical year, around 1000 students will apply to UCAS and so it is clear that there is still work to be done in setting up and completing UCAS forms.

We ask that all students set up a UCAS form and write a personal statement, regardless of whether you are planning to go to university. The reasons for this are (i) You may decide to apply to university at a later stage and (ii) Completing a personal statement can be used as the backbone of a CV.

Therefore, the purpose of this task is to **ensure that you have set up a UCAS form and completed the first draft of a Personal Statement.**

You can find help with this by clicking onto the following link to Moodle:

<https://moodle.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=394> and working through **Seminars 21-23 on the Year 12 coaching page.**

You may wish to use the following resources from UCAS to help you plan your personal Statement / CV:

Personal Statement Video:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement>

Personal Statement mind map:

<https://www.ucas.com/file/4251/download?token=KIC9IMgH>

Personal Statement Worksheet:

<https://www.ucas.com/file/4261/download?token=u7I6M9Q5>

- **Please ensure that both tasks have been completed by Tuesday 8th September.**