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Dear Parents and Carers

**Applying For Student Finance**

Now that students are in a position to make their decisions on firm and insurance choices through the UCAS website, you will probably be turning your attention to Student Finance applications for your son/daughter. Students have until 1 May to make their firm and insurance choices through the UCAS website. This is followed by the deadline for applying for Student Finance through Student Finance England. The deadline for Student Finance applications is 25 May.

If you attended the Destinations Day Parent Meeting in June last year, you will remember that Leon Harris from the University of Westminster presented on Student Finance applications. On Tuesday 12 March students also had an L3 lesson on Student Finance, but I thought it would be useful to send some key links that may make the application process as pain free as possible. Please find below the links for Student Finance England’s ‘Quick Start Guide’ and also an independent view on student loans from the Money Saving Expert, Martin Lewis.

http://media.slc.co.uk/sfe/quickstartfinanceguide/index.html

https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes/

In addition, I have attached the PowerPoint presentation given to students in L3 last week. I also introduced students to a mobile phone app called ‘Grant Fairy’, this allows students to search all grants and scholarships available at all UK universities, which you may also find useful if your son/daughter requires additional financial support while studying. If you have any further questions about financial support while at university, please do not hesitate to email me and I will be happy to field any questions.

Yours sincerely

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