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Dear Parent/Carer

All S5 and S6 pupils are receiving critical information during PEP/Pathways classes during P1 classes on Thursdays. Therefore, it is important that all S5/6 pupils attend PEP period. The PEP class will inform and support pupils in their decision making about next steps after Falkirk High School. Below, I have shared with you some of that information to make you aware of the class content so you can have a conversation with your young person about their next steps. **If your young person is currently in S4 or S5 and thinking of leaving at the end of the year they should make me aware ASAP, if they have not done so already.**

University (S5/S6)

Yesterday morning during PEP, Stirling University delivered a presentation on going to University and the UCAS application process for 2026/2027.

I have uploaded that presentation to the UCAS team and the Find Your Futures team. If your young person is in S5 and thinking of applying to University this year they should see me ASAP (if they have not done so already). Remember the buzzword to connect a young person's application to the school is **weareFHS2027**.

Young people applying to Oxford, Cambridge or for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary studies, final UCAS submission date is **15 October 2026** and these pupils should make themselves aware to me and their Head of House, if they have not already done so.

Although the final UCAS equal consideration deadline is the **13 January 2027**, we will be using the FHS deadline to ensure timely submissions, see below.

Timeline for application

- First draft of personal statement to be completed by **30 October**
- Submission to school by Friday **13 November**
- Heads of House complete references **16-30 November**
- School submission of all UCAS application **01-04 December**

The UCAS website www.ucas.com has lots of resources to support completion of personal statements.

College (S4-S6)

There are 24 colleges in Scotland and a lot of our young people go to Forth Valley and City of Glasgow colleges. Colleges do not operate in the same way as Universities. They will require a personal statement but the application process is different. Each college opens their applications at different times and once they reach their quota they close the course to further applications. So be quick! Once the college opens, your young person needs to be ready to apply.

Apprenticeships (S4-S6)

Apprenticeships is where you 'earn and learn' at the same time. Please view [apprenticeship.scot](https://www.apprenticeship.scot) as this provides the most up-to-date list of modern and graduate apprenticeship and this gets updated daily. Apprenticeships are connected to colleges or universities.

Other supports in school (S4-S6)

- Find Your Futures Teams Page – Information is posted daily to this page about opportunities, experiences and jobs to support young people to make their next steps.
- Skills Development Scotland (SDS) are our in-school careers advisors who are available to work with your young person in making decisions about their career. They are also happy to meet with parents/carers.
- Find Your Future Hub (F45) has computers/printers available at lunchtimes for pupils to use to research any of the above pathways.

Pupil Pathways Event (S1-6 pupils and families are all welcome)

This will be held on **1st October 2026 at 6pm-8pm**: Higher education and further education institutes, employers, teachers will all in the one room providing you and your young person with support to make their next move beyond school.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to me or your young person's head of house

Yours sincerely,

Leona Hepburn and Heads of House