



Dear student,

As you approach the end of Year 13 you may feel like University is a long way off, and in some respects you may be concerned about not being fully ready for Higher Education and the intellectual challenge that it brings.

Whilst over the coming weeks our expectation is that you continue to work towards your qualifications, I am also mindful of the fact that many of you may well be looking for further extension work to prepare yourselves for University in October. Therefore I have found two platforms that provide you with an opportunity to prepare yourself for undergraduate study.

Eton X is an online platform that enables you to enroll in free courses delivered by Eton College. They offer courses in critical thinking and creative problem solving all the way through to public speaking. Eton X is specifically designed to support the development of transferable skills that you may well find useful at University. The web address is www.etonx.com/courses.

Another platform that is more subject specific is moocs (massive open online courses). These courses are free for anyone to enroll in and follow a syllabus that is taught online. You can search for courses by subject; the courses provide excellent bridging material enabling you to transition easily between Sixth Form and University. The web address is www.mooc.org.

Both Eton X and mooc enable you to take courses and gain certification. They also provide an excellent opportunity to stretch your mind and challenge yourself with ideas and concepts beyond the Sixth Form curriculum.

I would strongly suggest using the time that you have to take some of these online courses, they will certainly add value and help prepare you for the next step in your educational journey.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Hamilton'.

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