

27th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Connolly Foundation Award – Main Award

Wootton Academy Trust has been invited to partner with a local charity, the Connolly Foundation. The Foundation runs a range of activities including a bursary award scheme for sixth form students applying to university. The main award is open to all sixth formers going to university who have studied at least two subjects from a range of subjects including: English Language, English Literature, Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, History, Geography, Economics, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Psychology, Law and Physical Education/Sports Science (A level or BTEC) plus one other subject. The additional subject may be any subject on the school curriculum at A level or BTEC.

I am pleased to inform you that your child is eligible to apply for this award and we would like to **highly encourage** them to do so. I have provided information below about the timeline and application process. Further information/guidance will also be provided in a presentation which will be uploaded to Show My Homework and our website by the end of the week.

Successful applicants will be required to achieve A level passes at grades A*, A and B in a combination of two of the above subjects plus one other subject. If successful in their application, students could be granted an award of up to £1,000 to support the first year of their university studies, and can contact the foundation each year to reapply for support for the following years of their degree course.

Task	Who	Deadline
Application form support available – via email	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	Friday 27 th March – Friday 10 th April 2020
Complete the Connolly Foundation Main Award application form in full (see attached)	Eligible students	Friday 10 th April 2020
Application forms quality assured and any issues / changes needed communicated to students	Mrs Ashby and College Senior Leadership Team	Monday 20 th April 2020
College references written	Teaching staff	Friday 24 th April 2020
Reference checked and UCAS Personal Statements attached	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	Wednesday 29 th April 2020
Applications sent to Connolly Foundation	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	Thursday 30 th April 2020
Confirmed A Level results provided to the Connolly Foundation	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	Wednesday 30 th September 2020
Kimberley College receives a list of awards allocated to students	Connolly Foundation	October 2020

Award funds received and transferred to successful students	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	Friday 30 th October 2020
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We are very happy to be able to offer this fantastic opportunity for our students and hope to receive a good number of applications. If your child does intend on making an application please do let me know so that I can offer on-going support and begin to compile their college reference.

If you have any further questions at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me at yashby@wootton.beds.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Yvonne Ashby
Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator