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Dear student

Education is undeniably one of the most important aspects of our life. Schools like St Anne's Catholic School provide a vital service to our community, teaching lasting life skills and facilitating the learning environment in which the leaders of tomorrow will discover their passions and purpose.

As the school year draws to an end, many of you will be thinking about what lies ahead.

Although Southampton is located in wealthy Hampshire, many people do not realise that we have a relatively low progression rate to higher education. I am keen to help change this as much as your teachers. I have spoken to organisations to inquire about what opportunities might be available for you. I have discovered more opportunities than I expected and thought I would share some of what I have found with you.

If you are curious and want to explore subjects beyond your curriculum, there are free online resources available on platforms such as Oxplore and [www.myheplus.com](http://www.myheplus.com).

Brightside provides online mentoring to provide information, advice, and guidance about education and careers options.

Oxbridge organises an Annual Oxford and Cambridge Student Conference and various subject-specific residential schools that you will be able to apply directly.

The annual Sutton Trust Summer School programme delivers free subject-specific Summer Schools in partnership with leading universities, where Students will be able to experience university life, explore academic study, and receive support with their UCAS application.

It is also worth looking into Sutton Trust's subject-specific Pathways programmes. Some of these programmes are open to young people aged 16 and above, while some other programmes, such as the Sutton Programmes, are available to younger students aged 11 to 16.

I would encourage you to follow up anything of interest to you through internet search.

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I wish you all the very best luck with your studies, and I have no doubt that you all have a very bright future ahead of you.

All the best  
Royston

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Smith', written over the printed name 'Royston'.

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