

8th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Connolly Foundation Award – Main Award**

Wootton Academy Trust has a partnership with 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, Computer Science, 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 are eligible to apply for this award based on the subjects you are studying and your application to University. We would like to **highly encourage** you to do so. I have provided information below about the timeline and application process. We outlined this process to all UCAS applicants during your tutorial programme in recent weeks. Further information/guidance will also be provided in a presentation by myself on the evening on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**. If you would like to attend this online presentation, please book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-13-connolly-foundation-awards-information-evening-tickets-144020115041>

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 on results day. You can apply with lower predicted grades. If successful your application, you could be granted an award of up to £1,000 to support the first year of your university studies, and can contact the foundation each year for support for the following years of your degree course.

In summer 2020, 25 Kimberley College students were successful in their application to the foundation, with a total of £21,500 in scholarships being awarded.

Task	Who	Deadline
Application form support available	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Complete the Connolly Foundation Main Award application form in full (see attached)	Eligible students	Final application deadline – Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Confirmed A Level results provided to the Connolly Foundation	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	August 2021
Kimberley College receives a list of awards allocated to students	Connolly Foundation	October 2021
Award funds received and transferred to successful students	Mrs Ashby – Head of Careers and Connolly Foundation Coordinator	November 2021

We are very happy to be able to offer this fantastic opportunity to you and hope to receive a good number of applications. If you do intend to make an application please do let me know so that I can offer on-going support and begin to compile your college reference.

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

Yours sincerely,



Yvonne Ashby  
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