

3rd 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 that your child is eligible to apply for this award based on the subjects they are studying and their application to University. We would like to **highly encourage** them to do so. I have provided information below about the timeline and application process. We have outlined this process to all UCAS applicants during their tutorial programme in recent weeks. Further information/guidance will also be provided in a presentation by myself on the evening on **Tuesday 9th 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. They can apply with lower predicted grades. 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 for support for the following years of their 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 th March – Friday 26 th March 2021 Monday 12 th April – Friday 16 th April 2021
Complete the Connolly Foundation Main Award application form in full (see attached)	Eligible students	Final application deadline – Monday 19 th 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 for our students and hope to receive a good number of applications.

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