



25th January 2012

Dear Student

I am writing to inform you that if you are considering taking a degree course in either **Business and Management** or **Creative Media**, but have not applied through UCAS, an opportunity has arisen for a partnership to be put in place between Homewood and Christ Church University Canterbury for the first year of a shared degree course in one or other of these areas, to be taught from September 2012.

The course would be validated by Christ Church University and the tuition, whilst largely based on the Homewood School site, would be shared by Christ Church University tutors and our staff. Year 1 of the degree would take the form of a Higher National Certificate, or HNC, completion of which would guarantee access to Years 2 and 3 of the relevant degree course at Christ Church Canterbury.

During the course of the year students would have full access to the Christ Church University library, the e-library, the Virtual Learning Environment and on line journals, in addition to having opportunities for reading and study weeks to take place in Canterbury.

Students based at the Homewood 'Satellite Campus' of Christ Church would apply in the usual way via the University, but with a localised tariff that may be set by the school and may not amount to the same 240 UCAS points that Christ Church University courses usually require.

Similarly whilst students would need to take out a student loan to pay tuition fees like for any University course, these would be around 25% lower than the £8,500 per year that students at Christ Church University would be obliged to pay.

The **Business and Management** or **Creative Media** HNC programmes would involve a full time commitment and would have similar direct tuition hours to any University degree course. Should a student wish to complete their study at the end of Year 1 and not wish to access Years 2 and 3 to complete a degree, the HNC is a transferable stand alone qualification that is widely recognised.

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Finally for a student who would have liked to have applied to University, but hesitated over the cost of the fees (bear in mind that this course would also save the participants on accommodation costs for Year 1), or felt that they may not have achieved the UCAS entry requirements, this partnership degree course model may provide a viable alternative route to achieving a degree.

If you are interested in following a degree course in **Business and Management** or **Creative Media** in the manner described above, please fill in the 'expression of interest reply slip' below and return to the KS5 office by Tuesday, 31st January 2012. An expression of interest commits you to no more than finding out more information.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Ridgway
Vice Principal Teaching and Learning KS5

Expression of Interest Reply Slip

Please return to Key Stage 5 Office by Tuesday 31st January 2012

I am interested in the **Business and Management HNC / Creative Media** (delete as appropriate) Christ Church University Canterbury First Year degree course and would like more information

Student Name: Signature:.....

Form Group:

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