

# Welcome to Year 13 Information Evening

Post-18 Progression

UCAS

Bursary



# Post 18 Progression

Key steps in **making decisions** about post-18 futures:

- Students should be thinking about themselves and what is likely to suit them best
- Do research into the different options
- Seek guidance in school and beyond

**Make an informed decision**

# Sources of information in school

- Miss Edwards – Director of Sixth Form
- Mrs Burgess – Assistant Director of Sixth Form
- Miss Tandoh – Careers Lead
- Form tutors – Me Manning, Miss Tokatly, Mrs Kapenda
- University Prospectuses – now in the library
- [Unifrog – Careers Web Platform](#)
- [SACU Spartan Test](#)

## PLUS:

- University and Apprenticeship trips
- Personal Statement and CV writing workshops
- External speakers

# What are the main options Post-18?

- University
- Apprenticeship
- Employment
- FE College
- Gap year/s



- Applications made through UCAS.
- £27.50 to send your application to UCAS but **no payment required to complete the information**
- Application entirely online
- Can apply to 5 universities
- UCAS Extra gives further opportunities for applications
- Universities cannot see the other places candidates apply to.

- The only section your students have control over.
- Their only chance to market themselves individually.
- One personal statement for all choices.
- Write on UNIFROG first then copy across

Provider decisions:

- unsuccessful
- unconditional offer
- conditional offer – qualifications and achievements and/or UCAS Tariff points

Once all decisions are received, they can hold up to two offers:

- one as their firm choice
- one as their insurance choice (if they want to)
- all other offers are declined

If students don't pick a firm and insurance choice, all offers will be declined by default, and they will have to go through clearing.



## KEY DATES AT A GLANCE

### 2023

- ▶ **2 May:** Courses starting in 2024 are available in the UCAS search tool.
- ▶ **16 May:** UCAS Undergraduate application live for registrations for 2024 entry courses. Your child can start their application but cannot submit it to UCAS until September.
- ▶ **12 July:** Conservatoire applications open for 2024 entry. From this date, applicants can register, pay, and send their applications.
- ▶ **5 September:** Completed UCAS Undergraduate applications can be paid for and sent to UCAS. Applications can't be sent until all sections are complete, the reference is added, and the application fee has been paid.
- ▶ **2 October:** Application deadline for conservatoire music applications. Applications for dance, drama, and musical theatre courses may have a different deadline – check conservatoires' websites for information.

- ▶ **16 October (18:00 UK time):** Deadline for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science. An application can still be sent after this date, but the universities and colleges concerned cannot guarantee they'll give it equal consideration.

**TIP** Encourage your child to leave contingency time before the UCAS deadline in case something goes wrong, for example, loss of internet access, card payment failure, or if the reference isn't added in time. If they're applying through their school or college, it will be a member of staff who sends their application to us.

### 2024

- ▶ **31 January (18:00 UK time):** Deadline for most undergraduate courses and most conservatoire undergraduate dance, drama, or musical theatre courses. An application can still be sent after this date, but the providers concerned cannot guarantee they'll give it equal consideration.
- ▶ **28 February:** Extra opens.
- ▶ **30 June (18:00 UK time):** Last date for receipt of applications with choices. Applications received after this deadline are automatically entered into Clearing.
- ▶ **4 July:** Extra closes.
- ▶ **5 July:** Clearing opens, and vacancies are shown in the UCAS search tool.

Further dates are available at [ucas.com/key-dates](https://ucas.com/key-dates)



- Completing the Personal Statement
- Checking with staff what UCAS predicted grades are
- Finalising choices of university and course
- Sending the application

The Student Loan is split into 2 parts:

1. Tuition fees loan – up to £9,250. Everyone is entitled to this.
2. Maintenance loan – means tested and dependent on where you study and live – currently it is between £8,440 and £12,667

- You won't make repayments until your income is over the repayment threshold.
- If you study a full-time course, you will be due to start repaying in the April after graduating or leaving your course.
- You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold.
- If your income falls below the threshold, your repayments will stop.
- Any outstanding loan balance will be cancelled 30 years after entering repayment.

# Apprenticeships

- A job, with training, meaning you can earn while you learn and gain a nationally recognised qualification, up to and beyond degree level.
- Range of opportunities...not just practical vocations!
- Search on Unifrog, Amazing Apprenticeships and the government website.

Keep an eye out for emails from us about Apprenticeship opportunities

## Different levels of apprenticeships available

### INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICESHIP

- Level 2
- 12-18 Months
- Equivalent to 5 GCSEs A\*- C

### ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP

- Level 3
- 12-48 Months
- Equivalent to 2 A-levels

### HIGHER & DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

- Level 4, 5, 6, 7
- 24+ Months
- Equivalent to foundation degree level+

# Reasons for a Gap Year could be:

- Earn money before starting university
- To take a breather before the next step
- Gain relevant experience for future career
- To travel
- To 'give something back'





# Top Tips for a Gap Year

- Half Work, Half Play
- Plan it yourself
- Trial potential careers
- Consider your course
- Plan money first





# Employment – what to consider



## **Salary and Terms of Employment:**

- Is it full or part time?
- Is it permanent or temporary?
- Is it a zero hours contract?  
(BEWARE!)
- Is there a salary scale?
- What is the working day?
- What are the salary conditions?

## **Training & Progression in the Job:**

- Does the job have a clear and defined career path?
- Does the organisation have a reputation for investing in people?
- Where might I go with this job?

# Financial Support – 16 to 19 Bursary

- Pot of money ringfenced for supporting 16-19 learners to access their education.
- Must apply for it.
- Eligibility dependent on household income including benefits.

# Financial Support – 16 to 19 Bursary

The 16-19 Bursary might cover:

- Travel to and from school
- Protective and other Clothing
- Equipment
- Bus Travel
- Educational Visits
- Further information available on the School Website
- Application forms available from the Sixth Form Office or the website

# Financial Support – 16 to 19 Bursary

- Bursary must go to student bank account.
- Students claim for purchases or send links to items they require.

Thank-you for  
your time

