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**Welcome to
our Post-18
Options
Presentation**



Preparing Learners For A Changing World

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Purpose of this presentation is to introduce:

- **Post 18 options available to students**
- **Preparation and application process**



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Support available to students...



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What we have done so far:

- Tutor preparation for Personal Statements
- UCAS Live! video convention
- Medicine & Vet Science talks
- Oxbridge applications workshop
- Degree Apprenticeship talk



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Continued support...

- Introduction to UCAS/Apprenticeship applications
- IAG Sessions on personal statement & application writing



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Continued support...

Curriculum enhancement sessions - To include a range of options to develop different skills and interests

Tutor times – Research, review and planning for post-18



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Post 18 Options

- **Applying to University - UCAS**
- **Apprenticeships**
- **Gap Year**



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The Gap Year Option



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Gap Year

- Can be valuable on your CV
- Can enhance higher education subject study
- Give a break from study/ travel
- Opportunity to earn money/ work experience
- Reflect and consider future plans
- Opportunity to mature ready for next steps

... If it is well planned and executed



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Gap Year

Consider the Pros *and* Cons

- A distraction from long term plans
- Can be harder to return to study or work after a break
- Can be expensive
- Can end up 'just thinking about it'
- But you can directly apply for 2022-23 UCAS entry in 2021 and have it planned. (£1-2 extra cost)



Gap Year

Research

www.ucas.com/alternatives/gap-year

<http://www.university.which.co.uk/advice>



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Apprenticeships



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Levels of Apprenticeships

Name	Level	Eq. education
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A -level
Higher	4,5	Professional/foundation
Degree	6,7	Bachelors/ Masters



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Apprenticeships

- Apprenticeships offer a **real alternative** to traditional university study
- Opportunity to move your career forward, gain professional **skills, status** and **accreditation** – all while earning a salary
- Provides a **clear pathway** to reach your career ambition in the **workplace**



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Higher/Degree Apprenticeships

- Can result in **higher earning capacity**, recognition and professional status
- An increasing number of apprenticeships available
- These cover range different job roles, ranging from legal services to engineering
- Many with guaranteed permanent employment
- **Leave with a degree and no debt**



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Whats on offer.....

Apprenticeship Sectors

Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
Business and Administration and Law
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment
Digital
Engineering and Manufacturing
Information and Communication Technology
Protective Services
Marketing and Procurement
Transport and Logistics

Arts, Media and Publishing
Catering and Hospitality
Creative and Design
Education and Childcare
Health, Public Services and Care
Legal, Finance and Accounting
Retail and Commercial Enterprise
Science and Mathematics



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Whats on offer.....

Local Apprenticeships in 2021 ...

- Architect
- Business Administration
- Business Analyst
- Cyber Security Analyst
- Digital Marketing
- Digital Media
- Government Policy Officer
- Lab Assistant
- Midwife/Nursing
- Paramedic
- Physiotherapist
- Solicitor/ Paralegal



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Whats on offer.....

Universities involved.....

As it stands today 83 Universities all over the UK work with Employers to offer Degree Apprenticeships...

You can relocate to work as an Apprentice



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An example of a Higher Apprenticeship



- Minimum of 80 UCAS points required (CDD grades at A-level)
- Evidence of work experience desirable
- Audit, Finance, compliance, business leader, IT
- Professional Industry specific qualifications
- A range of work placements to give you the broadest skills and experience possible



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An example of a Higher Apprenticeship



- TV & Radio Production
- Level 3 qualifications as a minimum
- Demonstrate active interest in the media
- 12.5k starting salary
- Opportunity for further qualifications



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An example of a Degree Apprenticeship



- Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above
- 3 A level passes
- Business and Finance
- Rotation work placement before specialising
- Professional & Bachelors Degree qualifications
- circa 21.5k starting salary



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An example of a Degree Apprenticeship



- Minimum entry 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above
- 2 or 3 A level passes B grade (subject specific dependant on role)
- Business, technology, Science, IT
- Rotation work placements before specialising
- Full bachelors Degree
- 15k starting Salary



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University or Apprenticeship ??

You don't have to decide right away

- Consider your end goal
- Keep an eye on Apprenticeships early in Y13
- You can apply for both UCAS and Apprenticeships



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Higher Apprenticeships

The recruitment Process

- Applications, anytime - be ready!
- Online application form
- Online aptitude and ability testing
- Assessment Centre: group and/or individual interview



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Apprenticeships

- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>
- www.university.which.co.uk -
(Apprenticeship guide download)



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The Application Process

Research courses

Attend open days

Submit a draft personal
statement

Complete the application form
including details of all
qualifications

Submit the completed form so
the tutor reference can be
added



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Applying to UCAS

Some things to think about:

- What do you **enjoy**?
- Suitability of course for **career** path
- **Location**
- Extra curricular activities (**clubs** and **societies**)
- **Study style** (continual assessment or not)
- Graduate **employment** rates



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Some more things to think about:

- **Entry requirements** Be ambitious but realistic! Use most likely grades to guide choices
- UCAS references and **predicted grades**.



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UCAS Tariff System

A level and Advanced VCE

Official title: Advanced GCE and Advanced VCE

Grade	Tariff points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

D* 56

D 48

M 32

P 16

Courses like Health & Social Care and Applied Science are examples of BTEC L3 National Extended Certificates.

You need to check with your teachers which UCAS tariff grades other BTEC courses follow.

[UCAS Tariff Guide link](#)



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Applying to UCAS

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Search tool

Search courses

Where do you normally live?*:

Search courses available in*: ☐ 2016 ☐ 2017

*This helps us to show courses that are available to you. [Click here for more info](#)

Search by **any** or **all** of the following

Course:


Provider:

Location:

Search >

Don't know what to study?

Need help finding courses? Browse subjects and find out what's available.



Browse >

UCAS Search tool

Use our new search to find undergraduate courses and courses at conservatoires.

We'll be adding all our other courses soon – until then, click the links below.

- [Postgraduate courses](#)
- [Postgraduate teacher training courses](#)
- [Foundation degrees](#)





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Applying to UCAS

- Application is online
- Five choices
- £26 fee
- Other Universities are unable to see what/ where else you have applied for.



Applying to UCAS

Application form:

- Personal Details
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal Statement (4000 characters - 47 lines)



Applying to UCAS: Offer types

- **Unconditional** (note - the practice of this was frowned upon this year but still persists)
You usually have to make them your first choice.
- **Conditional** (must meet certain grades)
- **Dependent on interview** (might have to show portfolio or do admissions test)
- **Pre-Entry Assessments** (LNAT, BMAT, UCAT)



Applying to UCAS

- Online system called **Track** allows you to follow progress of application
- Choose a **Firm choice** (where you'll be placed if meet entry requirements)
- **Insurance** (lower conditions incase firm choice not met)



Russell Group Universities

“The Russell Group is a member organisation that represents **24 leading UK universities** which are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector”.



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Russell Group Members

- University of Cambridge
- University of Oxford
- Imperial College London
- London School of Economics & Political Science
- Durham University
- University of Warwick
- University of Exeter
- University College London
- University of Southampton
- University of Birmingham
- University of Edinburgh
- University of York
- University of Nottingham
- University of Glasgow
- Cardiff University
- Newcastle University
- University of Manchester
- University of Leeds
- University of Bristol
- King's College London
- Queen Mary, University of London
- University of Sheffield
- University of Liverpool
- Queen's University Belfast



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Post 18 Success @ HC6F

- ❑ **20%** more of our students go onto HE than national figures.
- ❑ **Twice as many** of our students go onto study at the top $\frac{1}{3}$ of HE institutions compared to national.
- ❑ **Twice as many** of our students go onto Russell group Universities compared to national.



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Admissions Tests

BMAT
Bio Medical
Admissions Test



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Admissions Tests

A number of courses will require a specific admissions test, such as the BMAT for **Medicine/Dentistry**.

These test usually take place during October (often half term).

Please research courses/Unis and inform us if you will be required to do this test so that we can register you.



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UCAS – Deadline information

Early entry applications:

Applications to Oxford or Cambridge and/or medicine; veterinary science and dentistry must be submitted to UCAS no later than **15th October 2021.**



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UCAS – Deadline information

Early entry applications:

Medicine, veterinary and dentistry have 4 choices plus 1 other.

Oxford or Cambridge University applications can **choose only one** or the other.



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UCAS – Deadline information

Conservatoires:

- £26 plus audition fee.
- Can choose 6, different deadline dates.
- Very selective, performance more important than entry requirements.
- Can apply for UCAS and Conservatoire.



UCAS – Deadline information

For all other courses:

Student deadline for personal statements to tutors is **Friday 15th October 2021**

Our final deadline for UCAS applications is **Friday 26th November 2021**



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Finances

Student Finance England - SFE

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>



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Tuition fees & Maintenance Loan = Student Debt

Tuition fees are maximum £9250 per year

These are paid upfront - not means tested -
paid directly to University



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Tuition Fees & Maintenance Loan = Student Repayment

Maintenance loan: depends on personal circumstances as well as where and when studying. Paid directly to student. (for 2021/22)

Can borrow up to:

- **£7,987** if living at home
- **£9,488** if away from home but not London
- **£12,382** if away from home and studying in London



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Student finance England - SFE

- Pay back through tax. 9% of earnings above £25k. Not paid after 30 years then is cleared.
- **Scholarships & bursaries:** don't need to be paid back. Apply directly to Uni for this, dependent on circumstances & abilities.
- Apply early!! Window usually open from January-May



Student Repayment Advice



The first 20 minutes are **ESSENTIAL** viewing.



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What parents can do to support students

Visit wwwucas.com/parents

- Access information, resources and guidance for every stage of the UCAS application process.
- Encourage them to complete the application as soon as they can.
- Prompt them to include experiences and strengths that we may not know about.



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More UCAS information:

- www.ucas.com
- www.guardian.co.uk/education/universityguide
- <https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/>
- UCAS Newsletter
- Twitter: @ucas_advisors
- Twitter: @hccs_6th form



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