

Post 16 Parent Information Evening



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Welcome!

Tutor Led Discussion

Questions from the floor

Pathways beyond sixth form

Pathways in Year 13



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UCAS applications

Apprenticeships

Work Experience



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UCAS

The UCAS application

Key dates and deadlines



Mid-June	Applicants can register and start to complete their application.
Mid-September	Schools can start to submit completed applications to UCAS.
1 October	Internal deadline for early applicants (medicine, Oxbridge, etc)
15 October	Most medicine, dentistry, veterinary sci/med and Oxford <u>or</u> Cambridge.
October Half Term	Internal deadline for all other applicants
15 January	Application deadline for most courses.
24 March	Many art & design courses (check each course for deadline).
30 June	Applications after this date held for Clearing.

Key features of the UCAS scheme

- Your son or daughter can make up to five choices.
- The 2018 applicant fee is:
 - £13 for one choice
 - £24 for up to five choices
- Applications received by the key deadlines are given equal consideration.
- ‘Invisibility’ – universities cannot see where else students have applied.



- In 2017**
- UCAS received 699,850 applications
 - 533,890 were accepted



Making the application

Apply is the UCAS online application system.

Each applicant has six sections to complete:

- personal details
- student finance (UK and EU only)
- choices
- education
- employment
- personal statement

Once a student submits their application, the reference is added and it is sent to UCAS who pass it on to the university



Application Submission

- Students “Send to UCAS” and pay fee of £24.
- Students application is sent to tutor, who completes reference.
- Application then checked by Mr Hodgson / Mr Colebourne.
- Mr Hodgson / Mr Colebourne submits application to UCAS.

Students should allow a 2 week window for this to happen.

Personal statement – start early

Personal statements are so important, and should include:

- academic achievements, past and present
- interests in the chosen subject area
- knowledge of the subject and enthusiasm to go beyond the syllabus
- what they enjoy about studying
- details of their independent study skills

The questions universities and colleges will ask:

- Have they chosen the right subject for the right reasons?
- Do they have a range of interests?
- Does the personal statement confirm their interest in the subject?
- Have they studied independently?
- Are they motivated and committed?
- Do they possess good numeracy and literacy skills?



Personal statements should stand out – tutors receive 200 per week!

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UCAS applications - November 2018 submission

Students have begun UCAS applications

Personal Statements - OSCAR

Tutor Role

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Parent Role -

opportunity to explore

Keep all options open!

Encourage research and

Support with visits/Open Days

Encourage conversations!

Research – it's free and important to do



- **Start at www.ucas.com**
- **Find out the UCAS deadlines** – make sure your son or daughter knows which deadline is relevant to them.
- **Research** – career options, universities, courses and minimum entry requirements.
- **Attend a UCAS event** – even if your son or daughter doesn't know what they want to do, speaking to those in the know will help.
- **Learn from others** – student videos are available to watch at ucas.tv.

Follow UCAS:



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Apprenticeships -

Great opportunity to earn whilst building career

Growing market

Applications throughout year

No one location

Competitive

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Research - Very important

National Apprenticeship Service

- can search by sector and by distance.

Contacting local companies



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ASK Apprenticeships - Subscribe to newsletter

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/newsletter/>

National Apprenticeship Service

Sign up to alerts or search in local area for opportunities

Opportunities and Apprenticeship Spreadsheet



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Name	Organisation	Level	Type	Location	Closing Date	Link
Financial Services Audit Apprenticeship	BDO	Higher	Apprenticeship	Bristol		Application
Audit Apprenticeship	BDO	Higher	Apprenticeship	Bristol		Application
Advisory Apprenticeship - Global Outsourcing	BDO	Higher	Apprenticeship	Bristol		Application
Engineering Degree Apprenticeship	Airbus	Higher	Apprenticeship	Bristol		
Commis Chef/Pastry	Local Restaurants	Higher	Apprenticeship	Bristol		Application
Ford Business Administration	Ford	Advanced	Apprenticeship	Bristol	30/05/2019	Application
Actuarial Apprenticeship	Aon	Higher	Apprenticeship	Bristol	03/06/2019	Application
Level 3 Safety, Health and Environment Technician Apprenticeship	Fujitsu	Advanced	Apprenticeship	Bracknell, London		Application
Degree Apprenticeship 2019 - Software Developer	Fujitsu	Degree	Apprenticeship	Bracknell, London		Application
Audit Apprentice - start date around September 2019	Smith and Williamson		Apprenticeship	Bristol		Application



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Questions?