

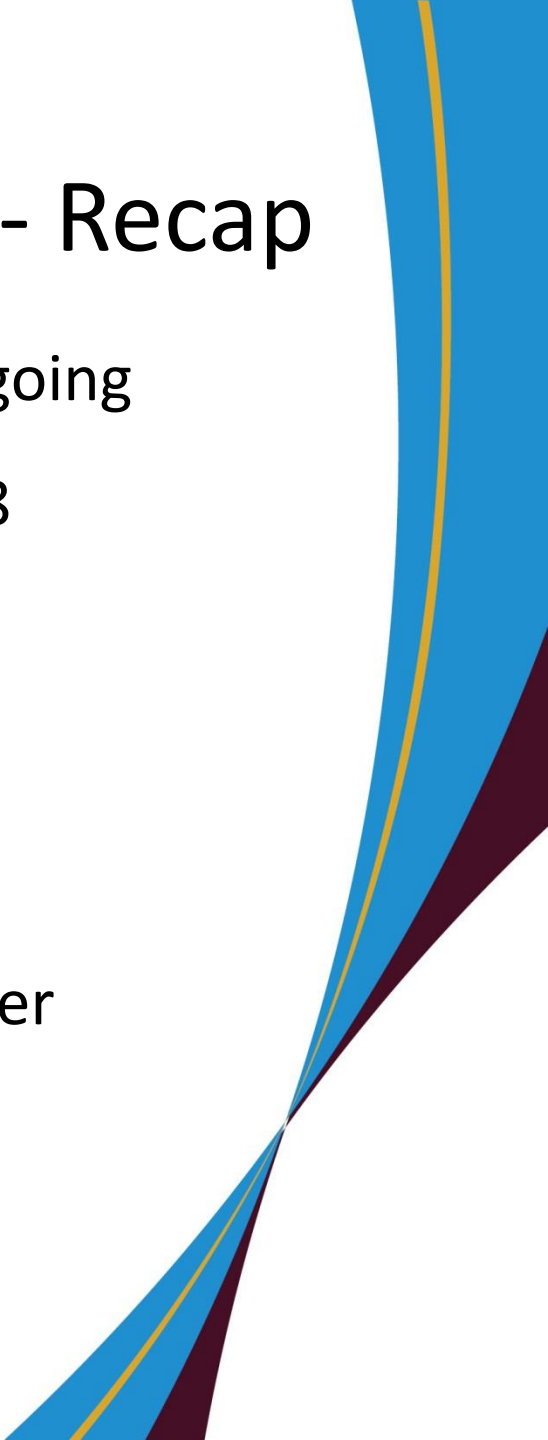
Year 12 Higher Education Evening

Thursday 13th June 2024



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

Sixth Form Careers Sessions - Recap

- The advantages and disadvantages of HE/ going straight into an apprenticeship or job at 18
 - How to choose higher education courses
 - The post-18 and graduate job markets
 - Degree apprenticeships – visiting speaker
 - Personal statement writing – visiting speaker
 - Personal Statements and UCAS registration
 - Apprenticeship support
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Additionally

- Year 12 virtual work experience opportunities shared
- Work experience – next month
- Practice university interviews (Year 13)
- Individual support for students applying for apprenticeships/other employment (Year 13)
- Individual tutorials

Why do students drop out?

- Wrong choice of course
- Inability to cope with course demands
- Dissatisfaction with course or university
- Poor quality of student experience
- Unhappiness with social environment
- Financial reasons
- Making an informed choice re: university and course is therefore very important!

Applying For Higher Education Courses

How to apply

- Applications are made through UCAS
(Universities and Colleges Admissions Service)
- UCAS Hub and UCAS Apply (a web-based application system).
- Students have set up a UCAS Hub account already as this was required when they registered for tomorrow's UCAS exhibition.

Course choices

- Can choose up to 5 courses via UCAS
- Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary Science applicants should only list 4 such courses but can add a different course as their fifth choice
- Invisibility of choices
- Choices listed in alphabetical order of institution code name (not preference)

When to apply

- Applications for 2025 entry can be submitted from September 2024, although the form can be filled in from May onwards
- Applications for Oxford / Cambridge (all subjects) should reach UCAS by 15th October 2024
- Applications for Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary Medicine / Veterinary Science (all universities) should reach UCAS by **15th October**
- Other applications by 31st January 2025

When to apply

- Early application is strongly recommended
- Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry & Vet. Science applicants should plan to submit completed forms to school by **15th September 2024**
- All other applications by **Friday 25th October 2024**
- From October to December, references will be added and forms sent to UCAS

The Personal Statement

- Used by applicants to convince admissions tutors to make them an offer.
- It should include:
- Reasons for choosing courses discussed – it should convey strong motivation and commitment
- Interest in present studies especially if related to the UCAS course choices

The Personal Statement

- Work experience and the knowledge / skills gained (particularly if relevant to chosen courses)
- Interests, activities and responsibilities within or outside school
- Career ideas and plan for the future
- If planning to take a year out, reasons why

The Reference

- Contextual information about the school
- Academic potential, predicted grades
- Extra-curricular activities and enrichment
- Extenuating circumstances
- Special achievements

Offers

- Each course / department makes its own decisions on whether and when to make an offer (not UCAS)
- Unconditional – applicant has met all entrance requirements
- Conditional – applicant is asked to achieve specific grades, possibly in named subjects, or a certain number of UCAS Tariff points
- Informed by letter/email and UCAS Track

The UCAS Tariff

- A system to report achievement in a numerical form (points)
- Points from different qualifications can be added together

The UCAS Tariff

GCE A Level

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

BTEC Diploma in Business /Health & Social Care

D*D*	112
D*D	104
DD	96
DM	80
MM	64
MP	48
PP	32

EPQ

A*	28
A	24
B	20
C	16
D	12
E	8

BTEC Extended Certificate in Digital Content Production/ Health and Social Care/ Business and Cambridge Technical in Sport

D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

Sample Points Offer

- A minimum of 128 UCAS Tariff points
- At least 112 points from A Levels or equivalent (BTEC is an equivalent)
- To include a pass at grade B in GCE A level Mathematics
- *Note - there is a tariff calculator on the UCAS website (www.ucas.com)*
- *It is really important to check carefully, for each course applied for, what is included and not included in the points offer. If anything is unclear, contact the university for clarification.*
- *Many universities ask for specific grades rather than making points offer.*

Replying to offers

- Applicants cannot reply to offers if waiting for decisions from other universities or colleges
- Up to 2 offers can be accepted
- One firm acceptance
- One insurance acceptance
- Applicants must be happy to take up both
- If no offers received applicant can enter [ucasextra](#) (mid-March to end of June)

Confirmation and Clearing

- When exam results known in August UCAS confirms place if conditions of offer met
- Many institutions are flexible by a grade or more and may confirm if offer not fully met
- If a place is confirmed, applicant must take up place or self-release into Clearing
- Applicants whose firm or insurance offers are not confirmed are eligible for Clearing

N.B. There is little point in accepting an offer as insurance that is higher than the one accepted as firm, except in particular circumstances (for example the overall offer is a little higher but it does not specify certain grades in certain subjects).

General Rule

- APART FROM EXCEPTIONS LIKE THIS, THE RULE IS THAT AN INSURANCE ACCEPTANCE SHOULD BE FOR A LOWER OFFER THAN A FIRM ACCEPTANCE.
- If a student's first choice of course makes a lower offer than their other choices, there is no need to hold an insurance offer - the student can just select a firm offer.

General Advice

- Research courses and institutions in detail
- Consult teachers & tutors about academic progress, anticipated grades, choice of courses – be realistic
- Seek guidance from teachers & careers staff when needed
- Keep tutors informed about interviews & offers
- Be available on results day and for Clearing

Timetable for UCAS Applications

- July 2024 Draft personal statements and register with UCAS.
 Fill in parts of the UCAS form
- September 2024 Complete personal statements
- **Fri 25th Oct 2024** Complete online applications
- Oct-Dec 2024 Information collected from subject teachers and references completed Sixth Form tutors

Support Offered- Students

- Personal statement and UCAS Application workshops
- Individual support from tutors, Deputy Headteacher (14-19), Sixth Form Team, subject teachers, Careers Co-ordinator and Careers Adviser
- Students applying for courses at Cambridge or Oxford, for vocational courses such as teaching or nursing and for very competitive courses elsewhere, will have access to additional support, for example practice university interviews where appropriate.

Preparing for University Study

Free online courses to help prepare for university
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/preparing-for-higher-education>

Support Offered - Parents

A Guide for parents can be downloaded from the UCAS website, using the following link:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>

Apprenticeships: Myth Busting

- Apprenticeships are about low skill levels
- Apprenticeships focus on manual skills
- Apprenticeships are for people who aren't academic and can't go to university
- Apprentices get paid peanuts
- Apprenticeships are for other people

Degree Apprenticeships

- A job with ‘training programme’ inside it
- An alternative to traditional, full time higher education - blending work and part time university study
- Spend part of your time at work, watching and learning from more experienced colleagues and putting your studies into practice and part of your time at university
- All of your studies are linked to your workplace
- Assessments include practical projects and skills portfolios

Benefits of Degree Apprenticeships

- Get a head start in your chosen career
- Gain professional skills and graduate qualifications designed by employers and universities working together – so you know you are gaining skills employers want
- Hands on training lets you put classroom learning into practice right away, making sense of theory and building confidence
- Build the soft skills that employers ask for
- Graduate with lots of work experience on your CV – don't have to struggle to find that first job
- Get a (real) degree without the debt of a student loan

Degree Apprenticeships: Growing Fast

- Available at more and more universities
- Thousands of students each year
- *Apprenticeships in Law, Accounting, Business and Management, Digital Technologies, Engineering, Nursing, Surveying, Healthcare (Nursing Associate, Registered Nurse, Assistant Practitioner, Healthcare Scientist, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry), Construction and Built Environment to name just some*

Degree Apprenticeships

How do I get onto one?

- You need an employer who will take you on as an apprentice
- Look at Find an Apprenticeship:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Look at company websites – many advertise their apprenticeship schemes there
- Use the UCAS career finder tool to browse apprenticeship vacancies:
<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/#browsing>

Degree apprenticeship v. Traditional degree?

- Work full-time with time off for study – e.g. day release or block release
- Requires good time management for extracurricular activities
- Gain employability skills through working full time - building CV
- Earning from day one, company covers your tuition fees
- Apply for each DA separately through the company offering it

Degree apprenticeship v. Traditional degree?

- Study full time at university
- More time to pursue extracurricular interests
- You need initiative and drive to apply for work experience
- Student loan debt of over £50,000 dependent on HEI, paid from salary after graduating
- Apply through centralised system - UCAS

Is a degree apprenticeship right for me?

- Are you very good at managing your time?
- Would you prefer to learn practically, on the job?
- Non-centralised application process – requires extra work at the beginning
- Available in a range of career-focused subjects

Degree Apprenticeships

BBC

- Gain a degree in Business Management
- Gain a Higher Apprenticeship in Leadership and Management
- Be paid an annual salary of approximately £19000
- Have your tuition fees paid by the BBC
- Build a CV full of amazing work experience
- 2 years, based in London

Degree Apprenticeships

Rotational Degree

- Three years of professional work experience
- Gain a Business Management degree
- Chartered Manager status
- An annual salary of approx. £20,000
- Tuition fees paid for by 'home company'
- Company mentor



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Degree Apprenticeships

Pearson

- Three years of professional work experience
- Gain a Business Management degree
- An annual salary of approximately £20000
- Tuition fees paid for by Pearson
- Start date: July

Next steps...

More info?

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeshipas.com>

<https://ucas.com>

