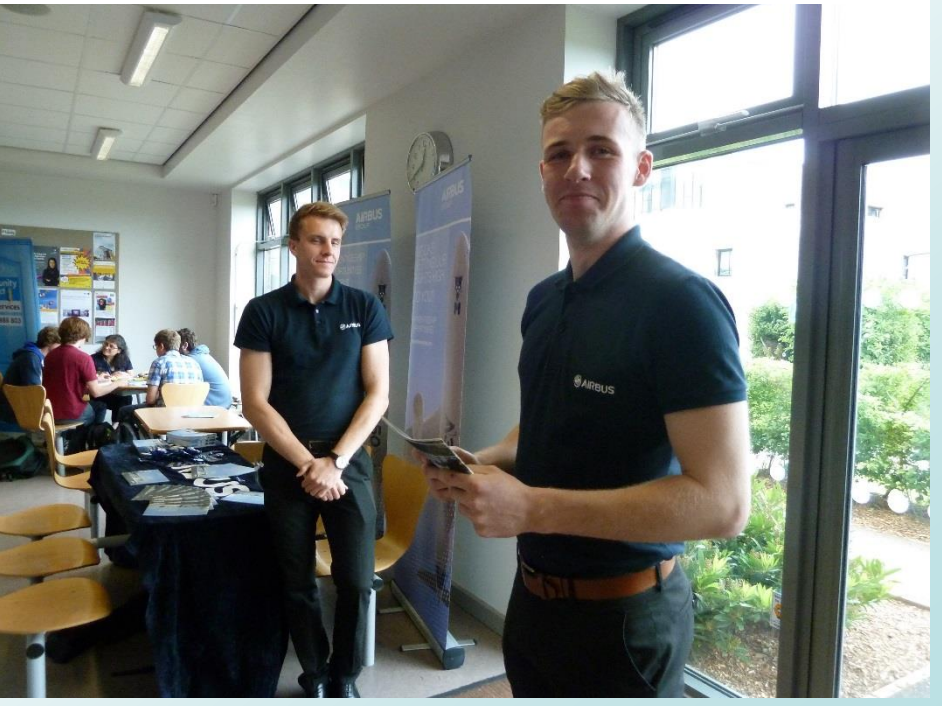




Backwell Post-18 Evening



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- Term 6 and Year 13
- The Week Ahead
- Options
- The University Application Cycle
- School Support and Next Steps

Term 6 and Year 13

- 5 more weeks of normal lessons
- Continuation of A Level courses
- Extended Project presentations
- Home Study
- Continuing into Year 13
- Art Exhibition: Wed 14 June, 6 – 8 pm
- Head Student applications

The Week Ahead

Tuesday

Non-university and post-university options

Wednesday or Thursday

Individual planning with Tutor/6th Form Team

‘Early Birds’ meeting

Extended Project Presentations

Friday

Extended Project Presentations

Options Available

- **Employment**
- **Apprenticeship**
- **School Leavers programmes**
- **Further/Higher Education (non-UCAS)**
- **Higher Education through UCAS**

Levels - Qualifications

- **Level 2 – Intermediate**

Equivalent to GCSEs

- **Level 3 – Advanced**

Equivalent to A Levels

4/5 GCSEs required

- **Level 4/5/6 – Higher /Degree**

Equivalent to Fda degree, Degree, HND

A Levels usually required

Apprenticeships and School Leaver Programmes

**Work, Earn and Gain a
Qualification**

Post 18 Options Day Tuesday June 13th

Alumni panel – students who have taken the apprenticeship route.

Tutorial sessions on career planning, useful websites and promoting transferable skills.

Employer talk carousel: Data services, Business, Finance (BT, Deloitte)

Careers fair

Careers Fair

12.30pm – 1.30pm

- **Atkins Global Limited**
- **Ministry of Defence**
- **North Somerset Teaching Alliance**
- **RSM**
- **University of the West of England**
- **Access to Music**
- **Army Careers**
- **Avon and Somerset Constabulary**
- **North Somerset Libraries**
- **T2 Academy**

- **Weston College**
- **CareersNearHere**
- **Airbus**
- **Parkers Estate Agent**
- **Deloitte**
- **BT**
- **QA Apprenticeships**
- **Wards Solicitors**
- **UKSA (Sailing)**

Over 41 Careers at Higher Level

- **Engineering – Airbus, Rolls Royce, MOD, GKN...**
 - **Finance and accountancy – Deloitte, KPMG, RSM , EY, RBS.**
 - **Law – Bevan Brittan, Burges Salmon.**
 - **Creative Media – BBC, Mason Zimbler, Bray Leino,Boomsatsuma.**
 - **Business – Civil Service Management, Health Trusts, County Councils**
 - **Retail – Marks and Spencer, John Lewis, Sainsburys, Tesco.**
 - **Plus Health, Education, ICT, Surveying**
- Keep your options open – you can apply for uni and other opportunities. Give yourself time to find out more. No commitment until next August.**

Backwell Alumni - who went where?

- Matt – Airbus (Undergraduate apprentice)
- Greg – Rolls Royce (Higher apprentice)
- Tom – MOD (Advanced apprentice)
- Chris – GKN (Higher apprentice)
- Ryan – Museum Curator
- Lauren – Teaching Assistant
- Amy – Business Admin (now at university)
- Liam – GKN
- Charlie – GE Oil and Gas
- Jo / Jamie – Civil Service Fast Track Management Scheme
- Kathryn – Estate agents

This year so far students have gained apprenticeships in Finance (RSM) , Engineering (Atkins) and with GCHQ.

Further/Higher Education

- College courses
- Art Foundation
- Drama/Music/Dance Schools
- Private Universities
- Open University
- Overseas study

Is University the Right Choice?

- Future career and financial success
- The cost of Higher Education
- Transferable skills
- Careers requiring a degree
- Social aspects

University Finance

- What will you need to pay for?
- Tuition fees and living expenses
- Where will the money come from?
- Government loans, further loans (means tested) and university bursaries or scholarships (some of which are means tested)

The changes (since 2012)

- Tuition Fees (from 2012) £6,000 - £9,250 per year
- Pay back – 9% of earnings over £21,000 for up to 30 years
- Interest rate on pay back – ‘progressive tapering’
- Support from universities for those on low incomes
- Many won’t pay it all back – written off after 30 years
- Some may end up paying back over double the amount of the loan
- Maintenance loans for families earning less than £25,000, less support for families ‘in the middle’

Scholarships and Bursaries

Aberystwyth University

Excellence Bursaries of between £1400 and £3334 for applicants who have confirmed Aberystwyth has their firm choice and gain 320 points at A Level.

University of Nottingham

Sports Participation Scholarships of £2000

Bath Spa University

Bursary £350 to £500 (income related)

See individual university websites or try
<http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk>.

The UCAS Timetable

- June/July 2017 – Research and begin application
- September 2017 – Finalise choices and complete personal statement
- 15 October 2017 – UCAS deadline for “Early Bird” students
- End of October 2017 – School deadline for all applications
- March 2018 – Apply for student finance
- May 2018 – Deadline for university replies – students select firm and insurance choice
- April 2018 – August 2018 – ‘Extra’ and ‘Clearing’

The UCAS Tariff

Full A Level

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

AS Level

A	20
B	16
C	12
D	10
E	6

Typical Offers

Drama

Exeter: AAA – ABB plus interview/audition

Sunderland: 112 points (min 2 A Levels or equivalent) plus interview/audition

Engineering

Durham: 3 years BEng - AAA

4 years MEng - A*AA

(Must have A Level Maths & Physics)

Derby: 2 year foundation with option to top up to BEng - 72 points (min 56 from A Levels) plus 5 GCSEs at C or above including Maths & English

Top Tips: Before Applying

- **Research thoroughly:**
 - **UCAS Course Search first**
 - **Then check university website for specific info**
- **Apply as early as possible**
- **Investigate financial implications**
 - **Costs (e.g. accommodation, fees etc)**
 - **Benefits (scholarships, bursaries etc)**
- **Get relevant experience NOW**

Top Tips: When Applying

- **Narrow down to one subject if possible**
- **Get a full range of likely offers within the five choices**
- **Discuss likely predicted grades with teachers and listen to their advice – they are experienced!**
- **NHS courses are extremely competitive and require good evidence of relevant work experience**
- **Keep Tutor/6th Form Team “in the loop”**

Top Tips: After Applying

- Only narrow down to a firm and insurance choice when you have taken advice from the 6th Form Team: the deadline is May
- It is usually sensible to choose an insurance choice that is *at least 2* grades lower than your firm choice
- Be available on A Level results day (16 August 2018) so that you can contact universities and, if necessary, get started early with clearing

Deferred Entry

(Starting in 2019, not 2018)

- Apply to UCAS in Year 13 (Sept 2017) and put Y in answer to the “Defer?” question for your chosen courses.
- Wait until after A-level results come out and apply to UCAS at the start of your year out (Sept 2018).

School Support

- Information on enrichment courses
- Advice booklet
- Tutor time support
- One to one support from Sixth Form Team
- “Early Bird” sessions

Next Steps

2017 Open Days – www.opendays.com

Be selective and complete absence forms

Bristol: 16 & 17 June, 9 Sep

UWE: 17 June, 30 Sep

Bath: 15 & 16 June, 16 Sep

Bath Spa: 14 & 28 Oct

Plymouth: 28 June, 9 Sep

Cardiff: 7 July, 16 Sep

Exeter: 2 Sep

Oxford: 29* & 30 June

Bristol College: 17 & 27 June

Next Steps

Dr Georgina Hazell – STEM in Higher Education
20 June @ lunchtime

Alex King – Year in Industry
22 June in assembly

Gap Years – www.independentgapadvice.org

General - www.careersadviceforparents.org