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Year 13 Parents' & Carers' Information Presentation

September 2024

- Recap expectations and routines in Year 13
- Key dates & trial exams
- Future plans and support

The Sixth Form Team

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Mrs C Ball Careers Advisor and Supervised Study

Mrs S Bangham Sixth Form Administration

• Ms E Cogan SENCO

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13-4 Ms R Lavelle Mrs L Thomas	13-5 Dr A Hancock Mr D Perrett	13-6 Mr B Langford
13-7 Mrs A Randall Mr N Blundell Mrs R St John Crees		

Email contact: Please email mailbox@backwellschool.net FAO (name of staff member)

The 16-19 Bursary Scheme: Apply by 30th Sept

Up to £1,200 per year for:

- young people in care
- care leavers
- young people receiving income support (because they are financially supporting themselves)
- disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.

<u>Discretionary bursary (e.g. to cover books/equipment/field trips/cost of attending open days) for:</u>

- young people in receipt of free school meals
- young people whose household income is £19,995 or less
- young people whose parents/carers are registered as recipients of Child Tax Credit/Universal Credit
- KEEP RECEIPTS as these are claimed retrospectively.

Students must meet eligibility criteria for attendance, behaviour and academic standards.

Life in the Sixth Form

Free periods are **study** periods!

- Home learning
- Review notes
- Pre-lesson learning
- Wider reading
- Researching future plans + completing applications
- Working peer to peer
- Use FROG for ideas for Independent Study
- Home study is not an opportunity to have a part-time job (15 hours max. per week)

Home study

Students in Year 13 are entitled to Home Study ONLY if their record of attendance & punctuality and their academic progress meets expectations

Supervised study

For any student struggling to organise their time/manage workload (self-identified or identified by SF team/teachers)

Most frequent advice given by year 13 leavers?

" Make good use of your study periods."

"Revise and consolidate *from the beginning of Year 12*"

Subject study

Compulsory lesson with specific work set by the teacher to be completed in the room allocated.

Home Study

As part of the Home Study Agreement, we expect all students to be in school for the following (the only exceptions being for any pre-approved absences):

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:

AM Registration (8:45am) and Periods 1-4 Regardless of the timing of any study periods

Monday & Friday:

AM registration Morning if they have a taught lesson period 1 Periods 3-4

Regardless of the timing of any study periods

Year 13 students are allowed to take Home Study during any study periods that do not fall into the above categories.

This privilege can be removed if attendance, punctuality and progress are not as expected.

	1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
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		Mr B Hooker	Dr N Jessop		Mrs S Thomas			Mrs S Thomas	Mr B Langford	Mrs C Turner
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		Mr B Hooker	Dr N Jessop		Mrs S Thomas			Mrs S Thomas	Mr B Langford	Mrs C Turner
		Geog	Bus St		Applied Science			Applied Science	Bus St	Geog
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			Mr S C Oxley	Mr B Langford	Mrs C Turner		Mr B Hooker	Dr N Jessop		Mrs S Thomas
			Applied Science	Bus St	Geog		Geog	Bus St		Applied Science
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	Mrs C Turner	Mr S C Oxley			Dr N Jessop	Mr S C Oxley				
	Geog	Applied Science			Bus St	Applied Science	Bus St			
5	GE3	SC9			BS2	SC9	BS1			
	Mr S C Oxley	Mr B Langford		Mr B Hooker						
	Applied Science	Bus St		Geog		Geog	Applied Science			
6	SC9	BS1		Q3		GE3	SC5			

HOME STUDY SCHOOL STUDY

Tutor time schedule

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 12	SF + C Bulletins /	Personal	Personal	Y12	Quiz or
	Student voice/	Study /	Development	Assembly	Debate
	Awards	Admin		DTH	
	(P/S or reading)				
Year 13	SF + C Bulletins /	Personal	Y13 Assembly	Personal	Quiz or
	Student voice /	study /	SFT	Development	Debate
	Awards	Admin			
	(P/S or reading)				

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 12	SF + C Bulletins / News	Tutor meetings / SLT assembly	Personal Development	KS5 Assembly DTH	Quiz or Debate
Year 13	SF + C Bulletins / News	Personal Development	Tutor meetings/SLT assembly	KS5 Assembly DTH	Quiz or Debate

Personal Development

Topics include:

- Living in the wider world
 - Debt, credit, loans
 - Budgeting
 - > Tax and pensions
 - Networking and transitions to different environments
- Health and wellbeing
 - Screening and self examination
 - Making healthy choices; diet, stress and sleep
 - Contraception
 - > STIs
- Relationships
 - Coercion and consent
 - Fertility cycles
 - Personal safety in new relationships
 - Personal safety when travelling

Expectations of Year 13 Students:

- To be punctual to school and lessons (school starts at 8:45am, bell at 8.40).
- To meet all of their deadlines.
- To be active learners (In class & independent study).
- To take pride in their work and in the school.
- To adhere to the sixth form dress code.
- To show respect to peers and staff.
- To be role models (Representing the whole school community).
- To wear their lanyards at all times.
- To only use electronic devices in Sixth Form areas



The school behaviour policy applies to every student

In the case of absence

Attendance and Punctuality

A student's record is their own responsibility – parental support is needed. Records will be used for employment and UCAS references

School Address and Telephone Number

Backwell School, Backwell, Bristol BS48 3BX

Telephone number: (01275) 463371

Student absence number: (01275) 464188

Alternatively, email: absence@backwellschool.net

Contact your child's tutor in the first instance if you think further communication regarding absence is required. Further queries can be directed to Mr Feven (Head of Year). **Students cannot self-authorise absence.**

For regular activities to take place within school time such as driving lessons or extra tuition, there is a form for your child to complete and for you to sign. Students should provide evidence of bookings for other approved activities such as Open days etc. and need to inform their teachers using the correct form and also get you to sign it.

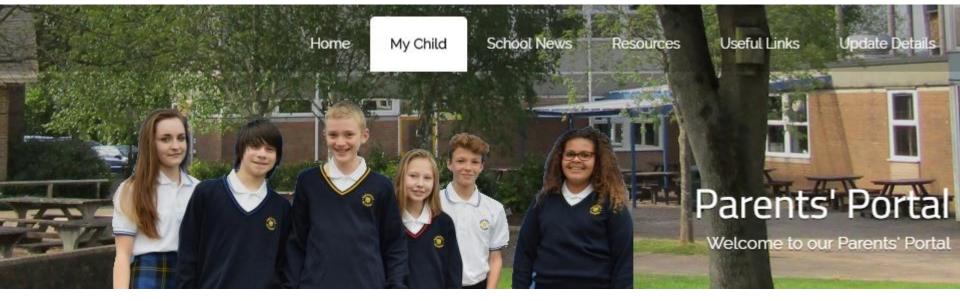
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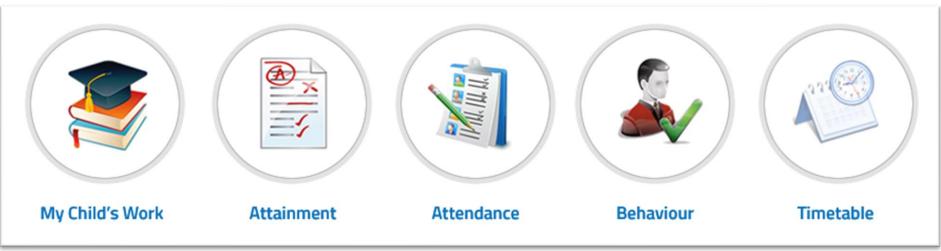
- Encourage good attendance and punctuality
- Keep asking "what did you do in school today?"!
- Help with time management
- Discuss future plans
- Listen to worries/anxieties

...and please pass these onto us



https://froglearn.backwellschool.net





If you experience any issues please contact mailbox@backwellschool.net.



Information and notices

Home page

6th Form Handbook

tutor team

email/office 365

y12 key dates and contacts

y13 key dates and contacts

subjects

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Year 13 Leaving Info

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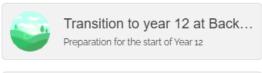
EPQ

Employability Award

Future Plans and Application Support

Super-Curricular Activities

Future Plans Week 2024





Sixth Form Production 2024/...

How to get involved





BACKWELL SCHOOL CAREERS BULLETIN 13 September 2024



- CAREERS SUPPORT IN SCHOOL
- COLLEGE OPEN DAYS
- UNIVERSITY INFORMATION
- GAP YEARS
- APPRENTICESHIPS –EVENTS, VACANCIES
- WORK EXPERIENCE- IN-PERSON, VIRTUAL

CAREERS SUPPORT IN SCHOOL



Unifrog Careers Platform

Unifrog - The complete destinations platform.

Students have their own account where they can take quizzes, research and shortlist careers, search for work experience placements, record skills and experiences and write job/university applications. Parents/carers can view the platform using the code BACKparentscarers.

NEW Unifrog Webinars

Unifrog - The complete destinations platform.

23 Sept 4.30pm Why Go to University
23 Sept 5.30pm Post-18 options – for parents/carers

24 Sept 4.30pm Apprenticeships 24 Sept 5.30pm Gap Years please see below some of the things that are happening in school for our Sixth

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- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Assessed Expedition (Brecon Beacons)

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 - Creative Writing Skills workshop at lunchtime in LB1
 - Duke of Edinburgh Gold Assessed Expedition (Brecon Beacons)
 - Physics Club at lunchtime in SC8
 - Chicago rehearsals from 3.15 pm in DTH
 - Senior Rugby on the fields after school
 - Basketball Club in the New Sports Hall after school
 - · Year 13 Assembly at 8.45 am in DTH
 - School Bhotograph Day for all Voar 12 students and Voar 12 students

Key dates

Short Report 1: October 2024

Trial exams:

2nd to 6th December 2024

Parents/Carers Evenings:

6th February 2025

Short Report 2:

March 2025

Exam season:

12th May to 25th June 2025

Full study Leave:TBC

Leavers Ball: 27th June 2025

Results day: 14th August 2025

Please see Year 13 Key Dates

document for full list



School support

- Tutor
- Head of Year
- Head of Sixth Form
- Peer to peer support
- Sixth form student advisor
- Careers advisor
- SENCO (EEAA)
- Exams officer

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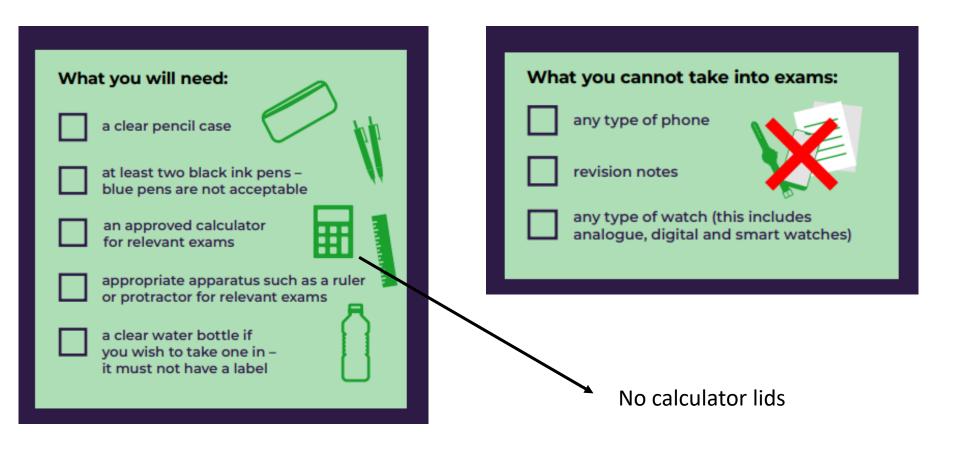
Why do trial exams matter?

- Early revision practice what works, what doesn't work
- The exam "experience" longer papers
- Check Access arrangements are appropriate (EEAA)
- Feedback next steps (SMART targets)

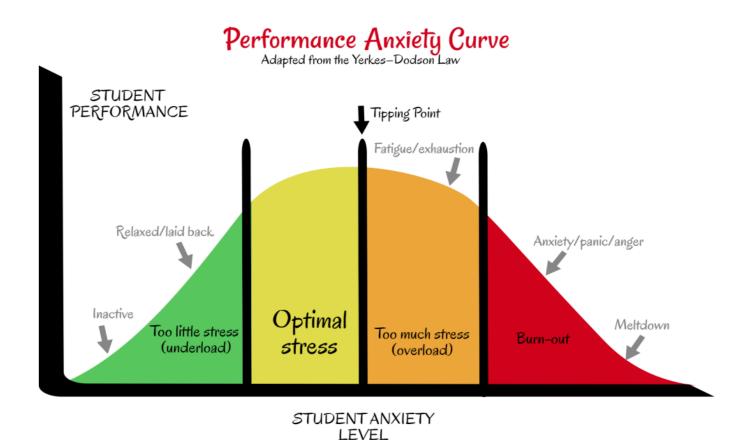
Trial exams – w/c Monday 2nd December

- Exact schedule TBC
- Certain subjects have different arrangements (CTEC/Arts)
- Students will have study leave for these days
- Students will be given explicit revision advice in lessons by the end of this term
- Advice will be given in tutor time/assemblies on revision and organisation
- Dedicated KS5 Revision page on FROG
- Students are expected to complete termly assessments so plenty of practice/feedback etc is happening. Trial exams are not the only evidence being used to form focus grades.

Exam equipment



Supporting students to get the right balance





If stress affects you, try to find ways to maintain a positive attitude and cultivate a positive approach during your revision.



KEEP FIT

by taking some exercise you enjoy



PLANNED TIME AWAY

take some planned time away from study, rather than avoiding revision

REWARD YOURSELF

reward yourself with an occasional treat



RELAX

perhaps by sitting quietly or meditating





EAT WELL

but healthily



RECOGNISE ACHIEVEMENTS

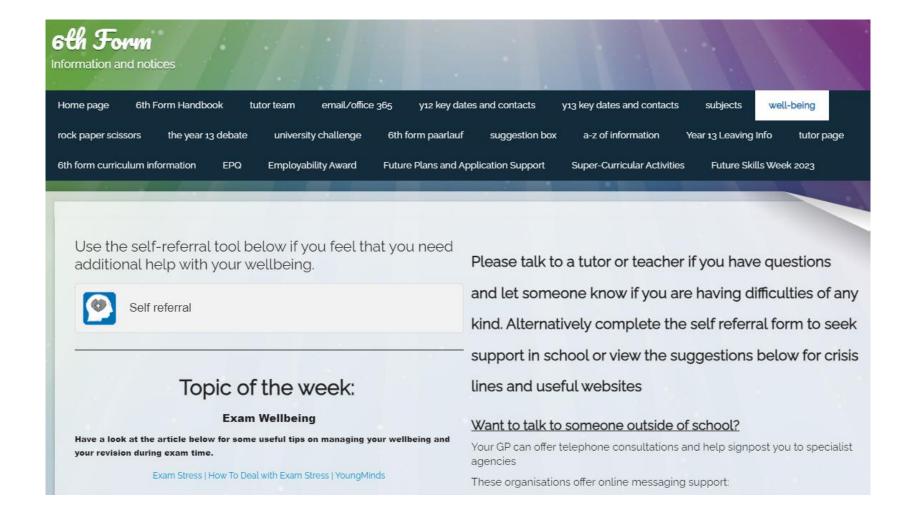
be pleased with your achievements as you revise



get sufficient sleep



Well-being







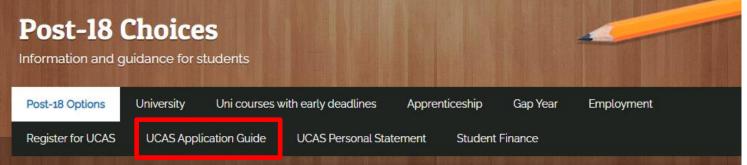






Future Plans





Post-18 Options

- University
- Apprenticeship
- Gap Year
- Employment

UNIFROG



Research **these options** via your student account on Unifrog. You can input your A Level/CTEC subjects to generate some ideas.

You could also use on-line **questionnaires** such as Prospects Planner to generate career ideas based on your interests and skills.

Bear in mind these are a guide only, they are not telling you what to do!

To discuss further, book an appointment with Backwell School careers adviser, Mrs Ball (cball@backwellschool.net)

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First time signup www.unifrog. org/code

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Completing the **Signup page** is simple.

Put the code: **BACKparentscarers**

Use an email address and your home postcode.
Your email and password will be your login from now on



Applying for University

Early birds should have submitted their draft personal statement

Research Course/University



Visit universities during open days (we authorise two days off, so use weekends too)



Write personal statement in Unifrog

(get checked by at least two members of staff - P&C)



Submit application on UCAS by relevant deadline



MY FUTURE

Year 13 Post-18 Plans

UCAS Application Summar	<u>y:</u>				
Name:			Tutor G	Group:	
Results & predicted grades:		Name of subject	Result o		
Subject 1			•		
Subject 2					
Subject 3					
Subject 4 (if taken)					
AS-level Subject (if taken)					
EPQ Title (if taken)					
Employability Award (if taken)					
University Choices:				Entry Red	quirements
Full Name of Universit	У	Course Title and Code		Grades/Points (e.g. BBC or 88-104)	Extra Information (e.g. must have B in Maths)
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2).					
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4).					
Ensure at least ONE choice is an insurance	choice, meaning the	entry requirements are LOWER than your predict	ed grades/ tota	mber of UCAS points.	
5).					



Year 13

Post-18 Plans

UCAS Predicted Grades

Predicted UCAS grades by teachers are aspirational but should be attainable.



These may be higher than what our internal report says.

Internal forecast grades are what your teachers think students are *most likely* to achieve.

How are they calculated?

- Teachers will use a body of evidence (termly assessment/trial exams) to decide.
- Students can talk to their teachers about demonstrating attainment at a higher grade.
- HOWEVER It is NOT in their interest to be given unrealistic predicted grades.

Students MUST have a conversation with their teachers about predicted grades this term.

(Immediately if they are an Early Bird)



UCAS Tariff Points

A Level	
A*	56
Α	48
В	40
С	32
D	24
E	16

AS Level	
Α	20
В	16
С	12
D	10
E	6

Extended Project							
A*	28						
Α	24						
В	20						
С	16						
D	12						
E	8						

OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate	Business Studies
OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate	Health and Social Care
OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate	Performing Arts
AQA Level 3 Extended Certificate	Applied Science
AQA Level 3 Extended Certificate	Applied Science

D*	56
D	48
M	32
Р	16

Music Performance	Grade 8	Grade 7	Grade 6
D	30	16	12
M	24	14	10
P	18	12	8

Music Theory	Grade 8	Grade 7	Grade 6
D	10	8	6
M	9	7	5
P	8	6	4

Tariff points are also available for a number of other qualifications, such as dance and lifeguarding. Please see the UCAS Hub for a full up to date list. However, you should note that some universities only recognise tariff points gained from particular qualifications, such as A Levels. It is therefore important to check carefully on individual university websites for conditions of the offer.



Post-18 Plans

Course Entry Requirements

Making informed choices:

Use the five choices wisely!

- Aspirational choices (one or two)
- Realistic choices (two or three).
- Insurance choices (at least one).

Points v Grades:

- Some course require specific grades.
- Some course require UCAS points.
- Courses that ask for AAB has no back-up.
- Courses that ask points give flexibility.

Example:

Predicted grades = BBB

Aspirational = AAB & ABB

Realistic = BBB & BBC

Insurance = BCC

Example:

Entry Requirement = AAB

Grades = AAB (128 points)

• Points = A*BC (128 points)

EPQ/AS-levels also add points



UCAS Application Checklist:

BEFORE submitting your completed UCAS application, ensure that you can tick all of the following statements:

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You have linked your application to Backwell School by using the buzzword backwell25.	COMMO
You have entered your full name (NOT abbreviated) and you have included any middle names.	MISTAKE
You have entered a nominated access person. This is usually a parent/carer who can contact UCAS on your behalf if you are unavail	lable.
You have put your NORTH SOMERSET as your 'area of permanent residence' – unless you live in Bristol, in which case it will be BRIS	STOL.
 You have entered UK, Chl, IoM or EU Student Finance for your main source of funding (unless you are not taking out a loan in which private Finance) 	h case you select
• You have put NORTH SOMERSET for 'student support arrangements' – unless you live in Bristol, when the local authority will be BR	ISTOL.
You have included details of any special support you may need.	
You have included all of your GCSE subjects and the grades. You have checked that the boards are correct.	
You have included your AS-level subject (if applicable) and the grades. You have checked that the board is correct.	
You have included all of the subjects you are taking in Year 13 (with the grade marked as Pending). You have checked that the board	ds are correct.
You have included your EPQ (if applicable) and noted a condensed yet descriptive version of the title. The board is AQA.	
You have included details of any employment you have completed, or are currently undertaking.	
Your personal statement has been uploaded to your application and checked for spelling and grammar.	
 Your choices of university courses have a range of entry requirements, from aspirational (above your predicted grades), to insurance predicted grades). 	e (below your
 Your application is ready to be handed in to your tutor/the sixth form office by the deadline of 23 September for Early Applicants at everyone else 	nd 8 November for



Do & Don't

Plagiarism:

- UCAS checks personal statements against a library of those already in the system.
- DO NOT copy someone else's!
- Don't exaggerate you could get caught out at interview.

Social Media:

- UCAS and universities look at social media.
- Be careful what you are posting and commenting on!

Email address:

Make sure you have a professional email address.

Checking your Personal Statement:

- Never give your personal statement to more than one person at a time.
- Wait for feedback before continuing to working on it.
- Don't let spelling and grammar mistakes ruin it proofread, draft and re-draft.



UCAS Application process (Early Birds may have extra steps):

- Register and complete online application. Take particular care with the qualifications section!
- Personal statement: seek feedback from **one person at a time** e.g the teacher of the subject they're applying for, their tutor, Mrs Hobbs/Mrs Ball
- Ask their tutor to check their application for errors
- Hand their application in to the Sixth Form office with a completed application summary
- Applications will be dealt with in the order that they are received
- Each tutor group will be assigned an overall reference writer from the Sixth Form Team
- The overall reference writer will check the application and they will edit together the references from teachers and tutors. They may ask to meet with students to go over any errors in the application or to check everything is correct in the reference. They will tell students when to pay and send their application and they will send their application to UCAS once final checks are complete. There is a fee waiver for FSM students only



Non – University Post-18 Options

- Complete a personal statement/CV on Unifrog
- Research gap year/Apprenticeships on Unifrog
 - Application process
- Check the Careers bulletin regularly
 - Enhance CV and skills
- We will meet with students in relevant groups slightly later in the year to give further advice



KEY DATES IN YEAR 13: SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2024

Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Science, Conservatoire (music/drama) - finished applications to be handed in to school	23 Sept
Register for any University Entrance Tests	now -
There are no longer any entrance tests sat in school	early
Book early!	Sept
Applications for Conservatoires / Drama Schools <u>deadline</u>	2 Oct
Apprenticeships with larger firms and organisations are advertised	early Oct
Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Science, Conservatoire (music/drama) - <u>final deadline</u>	15 Oct
All other UCAS finished applications due to school	8 Nov
Interviews for Oxford/Cambridge/Medicine	Nov/Dec

KEY DATES IN YEAR 13 JANUARY – AUGUST 2025

All university applications <u>deadline</u> for 1 st round of decisions. You can apply after this but the courses may be full.	31 Jan
Interviews/assessments take place for apprenticeships with larger firms	Jan/Feb
Most other apprenticeship vacancies are advertised	Jan onwards
Deadline to make 1 st and 2 nd choice university places	May

MY YOUNG PERSON DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

- Whatever decision they make is not final. It may affect what they do for the next few years but if they change their mind later on that's ok. Shouldn't worry about making the wrong choice.
- For now, open their mind to all the options and apply for as many different options as possible.
- Research! Unifrog is an excellent resource and may highlight careers they hadn't considered.
- They don't need to be 'passionate' about something just an idea they might enjoy it with a potential future career link.



Advice on Post-18 options

Seek advice about Post-18 plans sooner rather than later

Talk to your tutor

Drop in to see Mrs Ball any break or lunchtime in LB2 (Tues-Thurs)

Even better make an appointment with Mrs Ball via email

Talk to/make an appointment with Mrs Hobbs

The key is to making informed choices is completing research



Year 13 Parents' & Carers Information Presentation

Thank you for listening. There will now be time for Q+A or if you need to speak to Miss Haywood or Mr Moore, please feel free to stay behind.