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Post 18 Options Evening

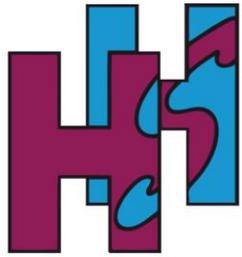
Thursday 24th June 2021, 5-6pm

Mrs Victoria English, Head of Year 12

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Post 18 Options:



Higher
education



Apprenticeships/
traineeships



Studying
abroad



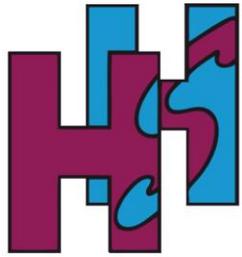
Gap year



Getting a job

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Watch this video from the University of Sheffield -
<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/schools/transition>

Why higher education?

Opportunities while studying:

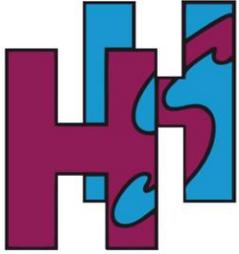
- Chance to study a subject they are passionate about.
- Achieve a qualification that could lead to their chosen career.
- Grow in confidence, make lifelong friends, and gain independence and important life skills that will widen their prospects.

With a degree, they'll have:

- the opportunity to follow their career path
- better job prospects, as many employers target graduates
- higher earning potential

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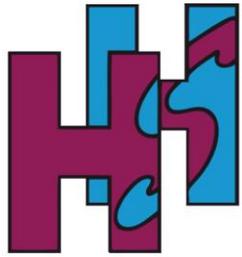
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Things to consider...

There are a number of things for an applicant to consider when applying for higher education, such as:

- the subject they enjoy – investing time, money and effort
- suitable for future career path – have a look on [prospects.ac.uk](https://www.prospects.ac.uk) to find out degree career options - <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careersadvice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree>
- location – city/rural, transport links
- study style – does it suit them?
- finances – course fees, travel and living costs
- extra-curricular activities/cultural opportunities



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Which university? Which course?

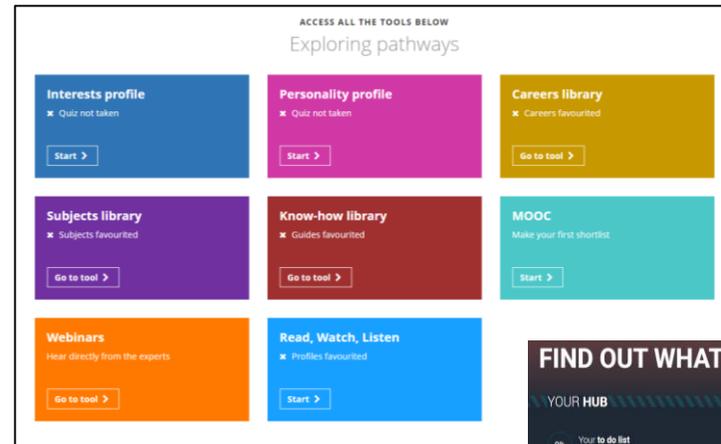
To help you compare university courses, have a look at:

The Complete University Guide (www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings),

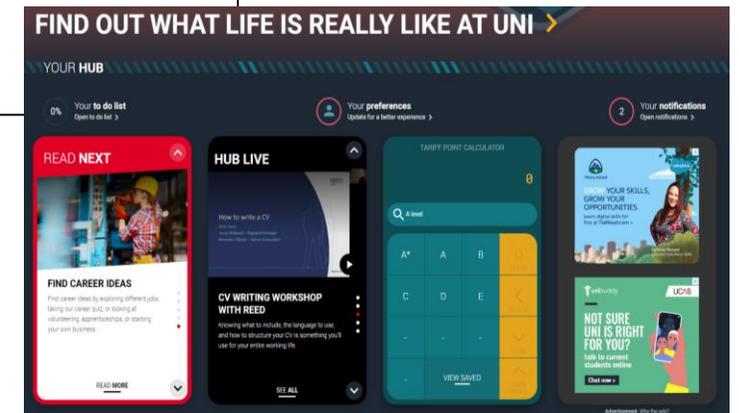
Unistats (<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk>)

The Guardian League Tables ([The best UK universities 2021 – rankings | Education | The Guardian](https://www.guardian.co.uk/education/league-tables))

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<https://www.unifrog.org>



<https://www.ucas.com/students>

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How do UCAS points work?

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A levels and Highers

UCAS points

	A*	A	B	C	D	E
A levels	56	48	40	32	24	16
AS levels		20	16	12	10	6
Highers		33	27	21	15	
Advanced Highers	56	48	40	32		

BTEC Nationals

UCAS points

Award		
D	M	P
48	32	16

Certificate				
DD	DM	MM	MP	PP
96	80	64	48	32

Diploma						
DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP
144	128	112	96	80	64	48

UCAS points are a way of measuring the relative value of all post-16 qualifications in the UK. The UCAS Tariff assigns a numerical score to the possible grades that can be achieved in each type of qualification. The higher the grade you achieve, the higher the number of points.

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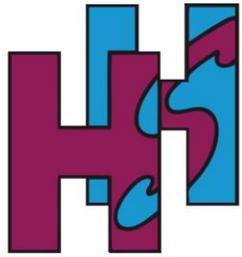


Making an application:

- Personal details
- Contact and residency details
- Work experience
- Education
- Nationality details
- English language skills
- Supporting information
- Personal statement
- Choices – make up to five
- References
- Finance and funding
- Diversity and inclusion (for students with a UK home address)

Key information:

- Students can add up to **5 choices**, unless they're applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it is **4 choices**
- Students **can't** apply to **BOTH** Oxford and Cambridge
- Applying **costs** £22 for 1 choice, or £26.50 for 5 choices



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The personal statement



The only section students have full control over



Students only chance to market themselves individually



The same for all choices



A maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines



A minimum of 1,000 characters



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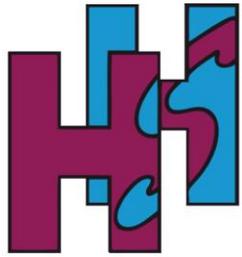
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**UCAS' similarity
detection service:**
every personal
statement is run
through software
to check for
plagiarism.

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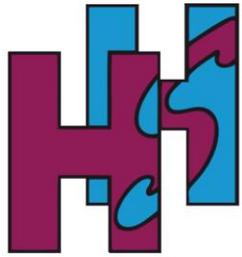
How do I write a personal statement?

There is lots of advice available about how to write an excellent personal statement:

- <https://youtu.be/gLokG6bhPCw> - University of Birmingham
- [Writing a Personal Statement – YouTube](#) – University of Bristol
- [Personal Statements - Top Tips – YouTube](#) – Durham University
- <https://youtu.be/3nqjek7GkO4> - University of Southampton
- https://youtu.be/oDtz3z-w_3M - University of Winchester

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What happens next?

Students should head to ucas.com to track their application.

Once students have decisions from all their choices, they can hold a maximum of two offers:

- one as a 'firm' acceptance – their first choice
- the other as an 'insurance' acceptance. This acts as a back-up if they don't get into their 'firm' choice

They must then decline any remaining offers.

Once all decisions and replies have been made, if students aren't holding an offer, they may be able to use Extra or Clearing to find available places.



personal statement



qualifications



reference



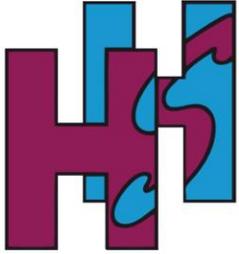
admissions test



interview



portfolio/audition



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Other options:

Extra (Feb – Jul)

- Used all five choices and had no offers.
- Add Extra choices for consideration one at a time in Track.

Clearing (Jul – Oct)

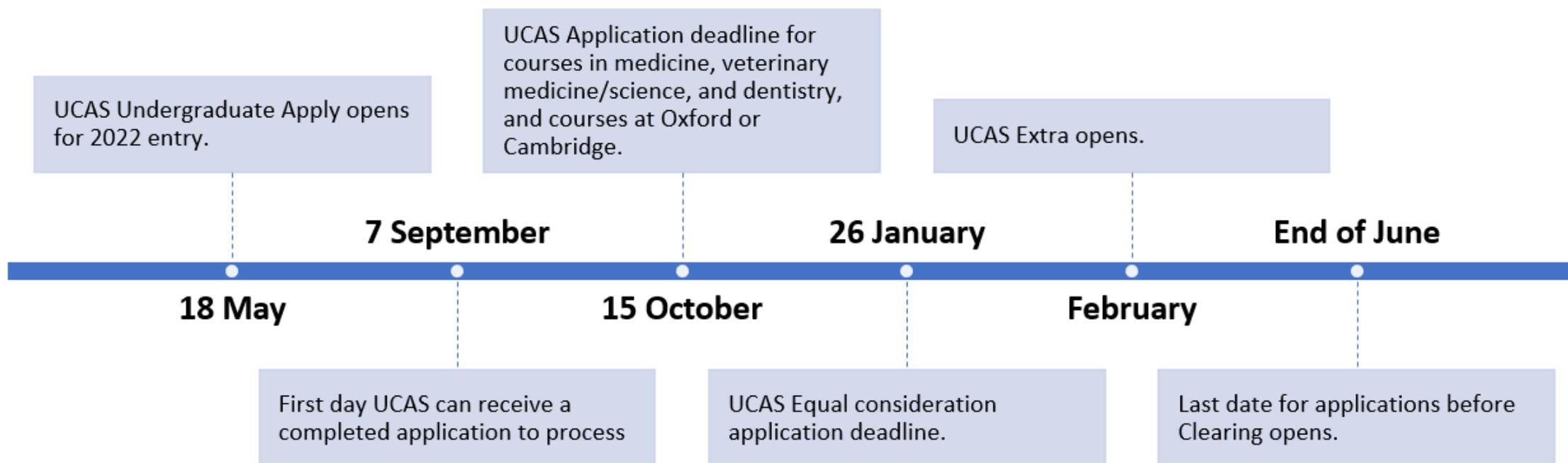
- Apply after 30 June, receive no offers, decline all offers, not met conditions.
- Find vacancies from early July, and add a Clearing choice to their application.



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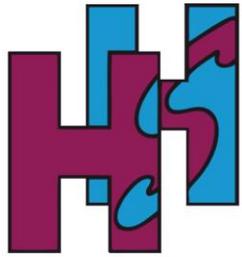
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Key UCAS deadlines for 2022 entry:



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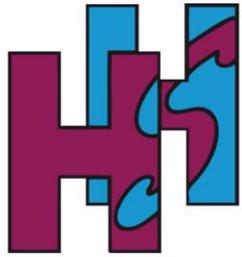
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Student Finance: How much does it cost to go to university?

- The cost for university is called a **tuition fee**. The current fee for a standard full-time course is **£9,250** per year. You don't pay tuition fees upfront, instead, you apply for a student loan and this is paid to the university directly by the Student Loans Company. You apply for your loan through student finance on the government website. Tuition fee loans go directly to your university or college.

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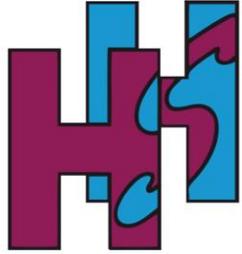
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- **Living costs** are different because how much a student is entitled to is based on household income. Therefore, students may need to look at other ways to cover living costs, e.g. getting a part time job, applying for a scholarship etc. You can check how much maintenance loan a student would be eligible for on the government website now: <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator> (this is for 2021 entry)

	2020 to 2021 academic year	2021 to 2022 academic year
Living at home	Up to 7,747	Up to £7,987
Living away from home, outside London	Up to £9,203	Up to £9,488
Living away from home, in London	Up to £12,010	Up to £12,382
You spend a year of a UK course studying abroad	Up to £10,539	Up to £10,866

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

<https://www.ucas.com/sfe>

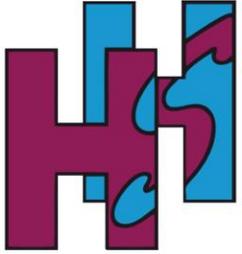
After university...

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/student-finance#how-much-does-university-or-college-cost>

- Students only start paying it back in the April after they've graduated, and only when they start earning over a certain level of income. The threshold is currently **£26,575** (this is expected to go up each year).
- Interest is applied to your loan at RPI plus 3% per year but you will still pay the same amount back each month – it'll just take longer.
- Most graduates will never pay the full amount back. If you earn under £26,575 you'll never pay it back and after 30 years the debt is wiped.
- Taking out a student loan does not affect your credit rating. You can still apply for other loans like a mortgage for buying a house.

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Studying abroad

5 reasons to Study Abroad

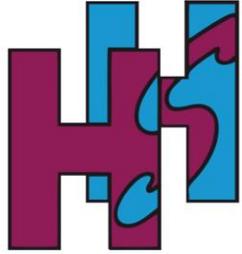
- 1 - See (more of) the world
- 2 - Enhance your career opportunities
- 3 - Experience more cultures and lifestyles
- 4 - Improve your language, communication and life skills
- 5 - Meet new people and make new friends.

Please speak to Mr Sully if you are thinking about applying to study abroad

- nsully7nrq@nsix.org.uk

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Gap Year

It is up to the student to plan what they will do with their time.

If a student is thinking about going to university after their gap year, we would advise them to apply now and defer their entry.

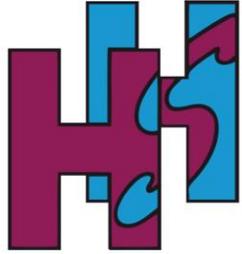
Most people choose to:

- Travel the world
- Volunteer abroad
- Earn a bit of money
- Boost your CV with an internship abroad

Add GAP YEAR WEBSITES

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Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a job where you learn, gain experience and get paid. You're an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave. By the end of an apprenticeship, you'll have the right skills and knowledge needed for your chosen career.

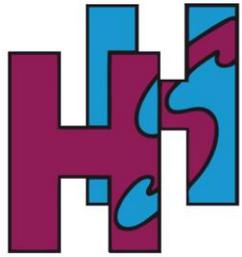
It can take between one and 6 years to complete an apprenticeship depending on which one you choose, what level it is and your previous experience. It's funded from contributions made by the government and your employer.

The types of apprenticeship are:

- [Intermediate apprenticeships](#) (Level 2)
- [Advanced apprenticeships](#) (Level 3)
- [Higher apprenticeships](#) (Level 4 and above)
- [Degree apprenticeships](#) (Levels 5 — 7)

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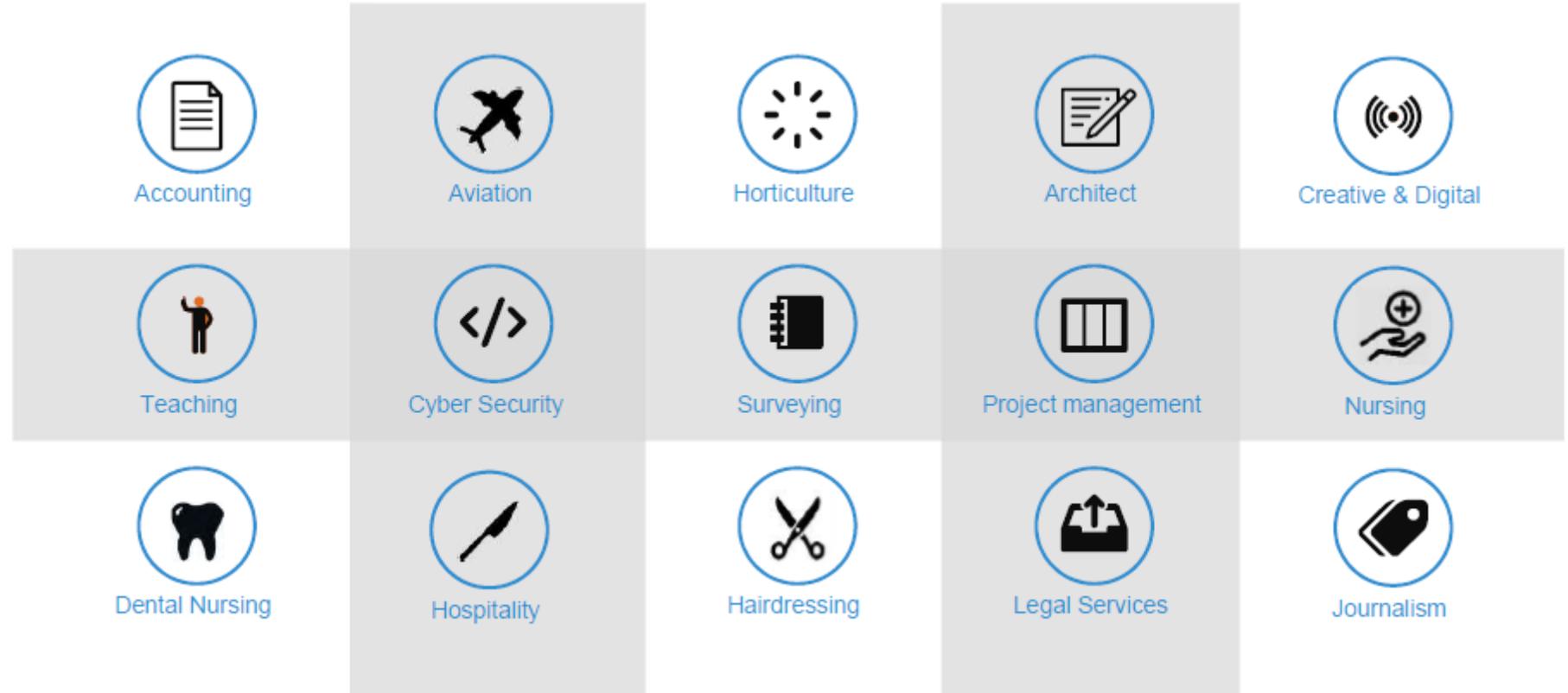
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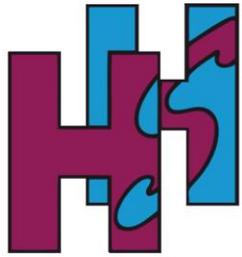
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Possible sectors...



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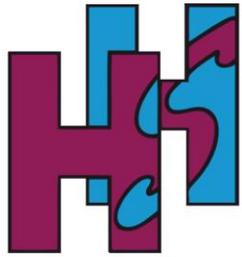
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Here are just a few employers who have offered apprenticeships in recent years...



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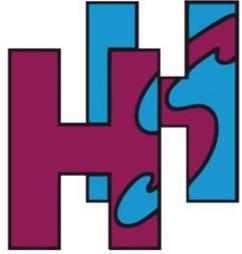
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How hard is it to get an apprenticeship?

- This really depends on which area/industry you are looking to go into, and what is available in the local area.
- At the moment, apprenticeships in healthcare and education remain largely unaffected by the current situation but other areas, for example construction, IT and manufacturing, seem to be struggling a little bit more.
- You need to ensure that you have an excellent application to make you stand out from other candidates – make sure you make the most of any virtual opportunities.

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February 2022
National Apprenticeship Week

Where will I find apprenticeship vacancies?

There is a lot of information available on the Post-18 Google Drive about apprenticeships. The following websites would be the best places to go to start your search:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/#browsing>

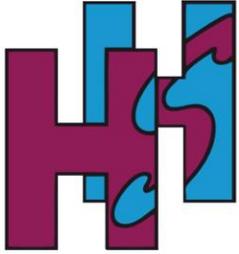
How do I find out more information?

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk>

<https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships>

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<https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job>

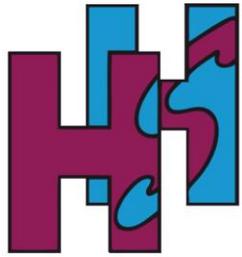
<https://uk.indeed.com>

<https://www.careerbuilder.co.uk>

Employment:

- There will be a number of careers events for students to attend (either in person or virtually) in Spring 2022.
- Students should also register for the main job search websites so that can be alerted when new jobs become available. They may also wish to download a job search app.
- There is also additional information in the *Employment* folder in the *2022 Post 18 Options* drive.



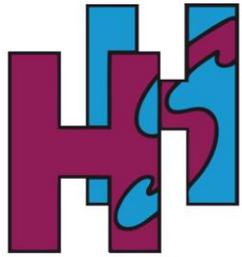


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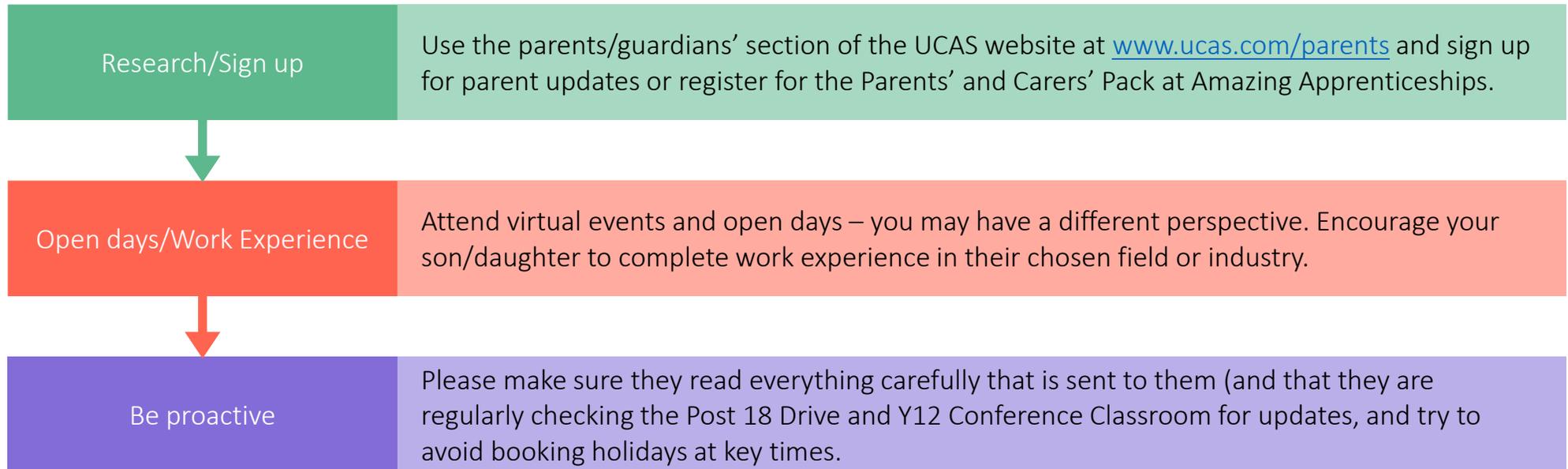
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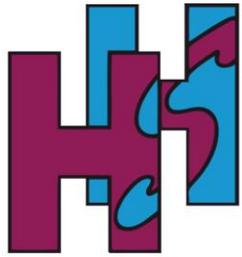
Still struggling?

- Students should visit the *Unifrog* website. In the *Unifrog* folder in the *2020-2022 Post 18 Options* drive, there is a loom video about how to use Unifrog if a student is struggling with their post 18 choices.
- Students should speak to their teachers, Form Tutor, or Head of Year
- It is natural for students to feel anxious, especially given the current situation. The main thing that we can do to support students is to offer guidance and advice, and ultimately, reassurance that everything will be ok in the end, even if they choose a pathway that is slightly different to their friends.



How can you support them?





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Thank you for attending.

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