Higher Education, Apprenticeships & The Future: Useful Links

Students are strongly encouraged to cast a wide net and to explore all of the options available to them before they commit to a Post-18 pathway. In many cases, our students apply for university but also seek out apprenticeship options in the same area. Some of our students are adamant that one route is their only pathway and they then dedicate their effort to completing their university or apprenticeship application. Students wishing to enter the workplace are encouraged to follow the 'apprenticeship pathway' in terms of completing their covering letter, CV, requesting their reference and accessing support from their tutor.

Apprenticeship Applicants

- o UCAS website: ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships
- o UCAS apprenticeships: Apprenticeship jobs (ucas.com)
- o Find an apprenticeship (GOV.UK): Find an apprenticeship (findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)
- o How apprenticeships work (GOV.UK): Apps_Framesworks-150319.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)
- o Apprenticeships: detailed information (GOV.UK): www.gov.uk/further-education-skills/apprenticeships
- o UCAS: discovering apprenticeships: UCAS Futures
- o Higher and degree level apprenticeships guide: http://university.which.co.uk/teachers/introduce-higher-education-options/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships-guide-download
- o NGTU support: https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/
- o The Network Lincoln: https://www.networklincoln.co.uk/

University Applicants (15 January deadline)

- o Applying to UCAS (from June): ucas.com/apply
- o Parent help guide: www.ucas.com/parents
- o HEAP guide and Times University Guide (Sixth Form Work Room)
- o Student planner (pages 131-155)
- o Guardian university guide: https://www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide
- o Complete university guide: https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/
- o The uni guide: https://university.which.co.uk/

Other links:

- o UCAS (chat to uni students): Unibuddy
- o Accommodation search: New - Accommodation Search
- o UCAS hub lives and Facebook lives: Join our UCAS Hub lives and Facebook lives
- o Exploring courses and chatting to admissions experts: UCAS Futures
- o University bursaries and scholarships: http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk
- o What graduates earn: https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/careers/what-do-graduates-do-and-earn/
- o How employable are graduates: https://www.highfliers.co.uk/download/2018/graduate_market/GMReport18.pdf
- o Student finance step-by-step guide (GOV.UK): https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students
- o Student loans myth busting: http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-tuition-fees-changes
- o Student Finance England: http://media.slc.co.uk/sfe/1718/ft/sfe_new_ft_students_guide_1718_d.pdf

University: Early Applicants (15 October deadline)

Students sitting entrance examinations should register with school via Tracey Williams (Exams Officer) by 1 October. This will enable us to ensure fees are paid on time and provision is in place if the test is to be sat in school.

- o BMAT: information to support your understanding of the BMAT is accessible at: http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-takers/bmat/
  Institution Courses requiring BMAT include:
    - o University of Cambridge – Medicine
    - o Imperial College London – Medicine
    - o University of Oxford Medical School – Medicine, Biomedical Sciences
    - o University College London – Medicine
    - o Leeds University – Medicine, Dentistry
    - o Brighton and Sussex Medical School – Medicine
    - o Lancaster – Medicine
      The cost of the test last year was £46

- o UKCAT is needed for most Medicine and Dentistry courses. Registration for the test is usually by mid-September. Information to support your understanding of the UKCAT is accessible at: https://www.ukcat.ac.uk/
  The cost of the test last year was £87
  Support relating to the emphasis and importance of the test relative to the university is accessible at: https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/wiki/UKCAT

- o LNAT: some Law courses require students to sit the LNAT (including Bristol, Oxford, SOAS, Glasgow, UCL, Nottingham, Durham, KCL, LSE.
  Registration is online and all details are accessible on the LNAT website at: https://lnat.ac.uk/
  The cost of the test last year was £50