



Year 13 Supporting Success Evening



Your questions are important to us.

What happens if...?

How does ... work?

Where do I find...?

What do you mean by...?

Please write any questions you may have on the blue paper provided.

We will collect these in and post answers online for you following tonight's presentation.

**WHERE
ARE WE
NOW?**





You've done 1 lap of the track so far.

The first lap was pretty tough going (!)

But there's still plenty of time to finish strongly...!




**key updates as a
Year 13
parent/carer**

1) Key dates




Friday 19th Nov	Reports issued (Tracking 1)
Monday 22nd Nov	TGS Year 13 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 23rd Nov	SHS Year 13 Parents' Evening
wb. Monday 13th Dec	TGS Year 13 Mock Exams
Wednesday 15th Dec	Final day before Xmas holidays at SHS <i>(students still expected to attend exams at TGS)</i>
wb. Monday 17th Jan	Year 13 PPEs
Friday 11th Feb	Reports issued (Tracking 2)

1) Key dates



Monday 25th Apr	Year 13 Final Call tracking
???	End of Year exams
???	Post-16 leavers do



What's happening with the Summer exams?

A decision on how exams will be grade in 2022 is due to be confirmed in October according to Ofqual.

This follows a consultation of various stakeholders on modifications to assessments.

The consultation which closed on August 1st explored various adaptations including a choice of topics for some A-levels and advance information about content in most subjects.


More information to follow when we have it...!

2) UCAS and applying to University



UCAS



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- **Mentoring** – UCAS launch and support before the Summer with students. Personal statement feedback and course selection support between September and December.
 - **Supplementary videos** will be posted covering topics in more detail *e.g. personal statement, choosing courses*
 - **Slides and links** to a variety of resources will also be sent out for you to support your son/daughter



What is UCAS?



UCAS stands for **Universities and Colleges Admissions Service.**

It's the centralised service that students use to apply to university. Currently, it's the only way as a prospective undergraduate to apply to the vast majority of universities in the UK.

UCAS is the higher education cupid! Think of UCAS as an online dating service: through it you can select and apply to universities, the universities take your proposal and decide whether or not to offer you a place.

It's all about helping students find the right university, and helping universities find the right students.



Why go to university?



James Colton

1st Class Honours, BSc. Mathematics, University of York
Awarded IMA Mathematics Teacher Training Scholarship
ex-Sherburn Sixth Form student





**reasons why you
might consider
going to university**

- **Increase your knowledge**

Study what you love, you're interested in and with top experts in their fields

- **Get your first true taste of independence and freedom**

Build self-confidence, experience all aspects of student life, broaden your horizons and meet new people

- **Gain a qualification that's internationally recognised**

UK higher education qualifications are recognised and respected by employers and academics worldwide

UCAS

- **Increase your earning potential**

Having a degree makes you more attractive to employers, you'll have a greater choice of jobs and you'll potentially earn more. The average salary for graduates is 30% higher than for non-graduates aged 25-30.

- **Experience student life**

Yes, you're expected to work hard but uni is also fun. Whatever your interests, there are a huge range of clubs, societies and diverse social life on offer

- **A choice of 50,000 in over 25 subject areas!**

UCAS

**So I've decided to go
to university...**

**What do I
need to
know?**



STEP 1

Registering with UCAS (the easy bit!)



- Guidance on registering is given UCAS student guide (most students have done this now)
- Important your son/daughter follows each step carefully to ensure their application is completed properly
- MUST enter the **buzzword** (*Athelstan 22*) This means Sixth Form staff can track applications enabling us to support students remotely.



UCAS Application Guide

UCAS

2020-2021

Please note: an alternative guide is available from UCAS:

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/filling-your-application>

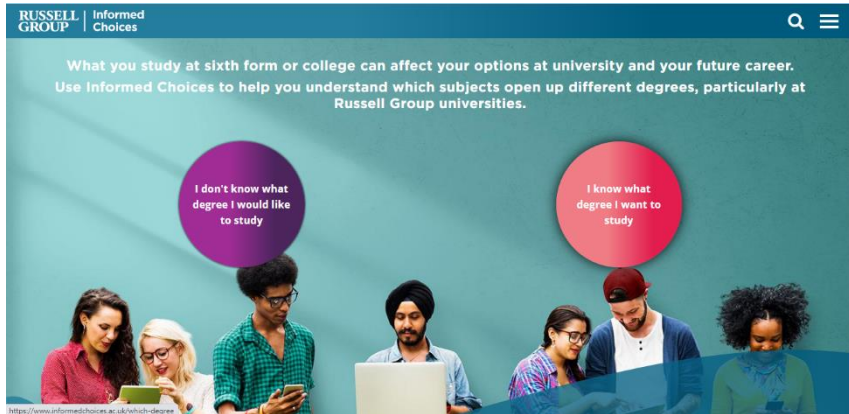
Stage 1: Registration

1. Search "Apply 2021" on Google and select "Apply UCAS" for 2021
2. Select 'Register'
3. Select 'Next'
4. Agree to the Terms and Conditions and select 'Next'
5. Enter your title, gender, name (**as you would like it to appear on your UCAS form**) and date of birth and select 'Next'
6. Enter UK and select 'Next'
7. Enter your postcode and house number / name and select 'Next' to confirm your address
8. a) Enter your contact numbers and email address and select "Next" **N.B. Ensure that you have a sensible**

STEP 2

Choosing a course





- You need to select **5 university courses** to apply to.
e.g. Maths BSc. Durham, Maths MMath Warwick, Engineering BSc. Sheffield, Engineering BSc. Durham, Maths BSc. Leeds
- **You don't specify any preference at this stage.**
Just 5 courses you like the sound of, and you're likely to meet the entry requirements.
- Should you wish to Oxbridge, you **can only apply to either Oxford OR Cambridge (not both!)**
- Each university will consider your application and either make you an **offer, or reject** you.
- Once all of the universities have responded to you, you will need to select a **firm** and an **insurance** place.

A large, bold, black number '5' is positioned on the left side of the image. It has a thick, solid black body. A hatched shadow, composed of parallel diagonal lines, follows the right and bottom curves of the number, giving it a three-dimensional appearance.

**top tools for
deciding on course
and a university**

1) Informed choices

[informedchoices.ac.uk](https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk)

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GROUP | Informed
Choices



What you study at sixth form or college can affect your options at university and your future career.
Use Informed Choices to help you understand which subjects open up different degrees, particularly at
Russell Group universities.

I don't know what
degree I would like
to study

I know what
degree I want to
study



Select your A-levels...

Accounting

Ancient History

Arabic

Art & Design *

Bengali

Biblical Hebrew

Biology

Business

Chemistry

Chinese

Classical Civilisation

Classical Greek

Based on one or more of the subjects you've chosen, these degrees may be open to you

Anthropology	Archaeology	Architecture	Art and design	Business Studies	Childhood Studies	Chinese languages	Classical Studies	Drama
Education / Education Studies	European Studies	History of Art	Law	Linguistics	Management Studies	Marketing	Media Studies	Nursing and Midwifery
Occupational Therapy	Orthoptics	Philosophy	Planning	Politics	Portuguese	Psychology	Religious studies / Theology	Russian
Social policy	Sociology	Spanish	Speech Therapy					



Anthropology

This is the study of humans and human society, from the physical evolution of the human body and brain, through to the political, cultural and linguistic practices of modern societies.

A small number of courses like a science AS Level such as Biology. Check with individual universities to see if this is the case.

There are usually no essential subjects

[Visit UCAS for subject information](#)

[Russell Group universities](#)

2) UCAS search

digital.ucas.com/search

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Sign in



Search for **Courses**

 e.g. Cornwall

Study level

Undergraduate ▾

Entry year

2021 - 2022 ▾

Postcode

e.g. GL52 3LZ

Go

Search by **Location**

Search for **Courses**

 History|

Course Titles

History

History and Archaeology

History and Economics

History and Philosophy

History and Politics

History and Sociology

History and Spanish

Search for **Courses**

 History

Study level

Undergraduate ▾

Entry year

2021 - 2022 ▾

Postcode

LS25 6AS

Go



Aberystwyth University

31 courses

United Kingdom, Wales

<https://www.aber.ac.uk>



Chat with students at this uni

History

📍 Main Site (Aberystwyth)

🎓 BA (Hons)

🕒 3 Years

📖 Full-time

📅 09/2021



Hanes

📍 Main Site (Aberystwyth)

🎓 BA (Hons)

🕒 3 Years

📖 Full-time

📅 09/2021



History and Welsh History

📍 Main Site (Aberystwyth)

🎓 BA (Hons)

🕒 3 Years

📖 Full-time

📅 09/2021



28 more undergraduate courses



Qualification requirements

UCAS Tariff	120 - 96 points
A level	BBB - CCC
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (first teaching from September 2016)	DDM - MMM
Access to HE Diploma	Pass in Access qualification in a relevant subject with Merit in 50% of units at level 3.
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme	30 - 26 points
Welsh Baccalaureate - Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate (first teaching September 2015)	Aberystwyth University welcomes the Welsh Baccalaureate as a valuable qualification in its own right and considers completion of the Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate to be equivalent to an A level grade.

Entry requirements [?]

Calculate your Tariff points



[Find out more about this filter](#)

**Being ambitious, but
not unrealistic.**



A-Levels and Highers: Ucas Points

	A-levels	AS levels	Scottish Highers	Advanced Highers
A*	56			
A	48	20	33	56
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3) University rankings

The Complete University Guide



thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings

University League Tables 2021

Our league tables rank UK universities both nationally and in 70 subjects. You can sort each table on the measure relevant to you and compare universities.

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QUICK VIEW

FULL TABLE

University ranking	University name	Overall score	Entry standards	Student satisfaction	Research quality	Graduate prospects
1	University of Cambridge VIEW COURSES ➔	100%	100%	n/a	83%	87%
2	University of Oxford	99%	97%	n/a	83%	83%



Get the university
ranking for the
subject you want to
study!

Subject

CHOOSE A SUBJECT AREA

Subject name ▼

Art & Design

Aural & Oral Sciences

Biological Sciences

Building

Business & Management Studies

Celtic Studies


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Biological Sciences

SUBJECT LEAGUE TABLE 2021

Biological Sciences cover the immune system, biodiversity, genetics, and much more. Our university rankings for Biological Sciences include Botany, Biotechnology, Molecular Biology and Zoology.

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Want to study Biological Sciences?

[CHECK OUT OUR GUIDE ➔](#)

QUICK VIEW

FULL TABLE

University

University

Overall

Entry

Student

Research

Research

Graduate

	<u>Overall score</u>	<u>Entry standards</u>	<u>Student satisfaction</u>	<u>Research quality</u>	<u>Research intensity</u>	<u>Graduate prospects</u>
	 100%	 100%	 n/a	 84%	 82%	 84%
	 98%	 87%	 n/a	 85%	 82%	 84%
	 96%	 86%	 84%	 88%	 80%	 85%



University of St Andrews

University League Table 2021: 3rd

TOWN CENTRE

COASTAL

[View all undergraduate courses](#) →

WHY STUDY HERE

STUDENT LIFE

FACILITIES

STUDENT SUPPORT

EMPLOYABILITY

Summary

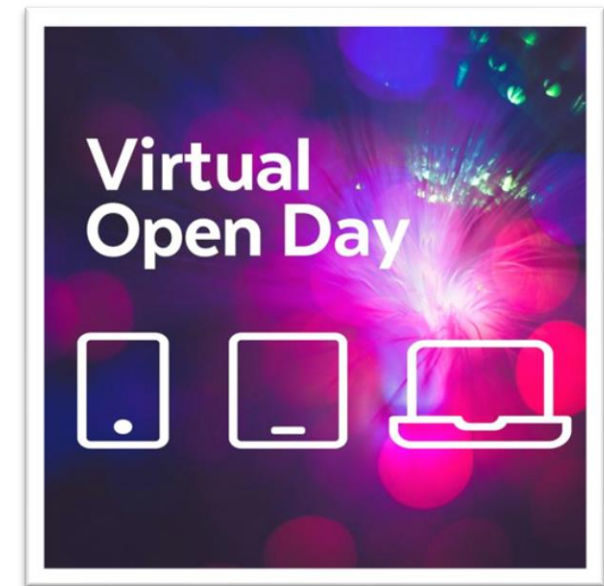
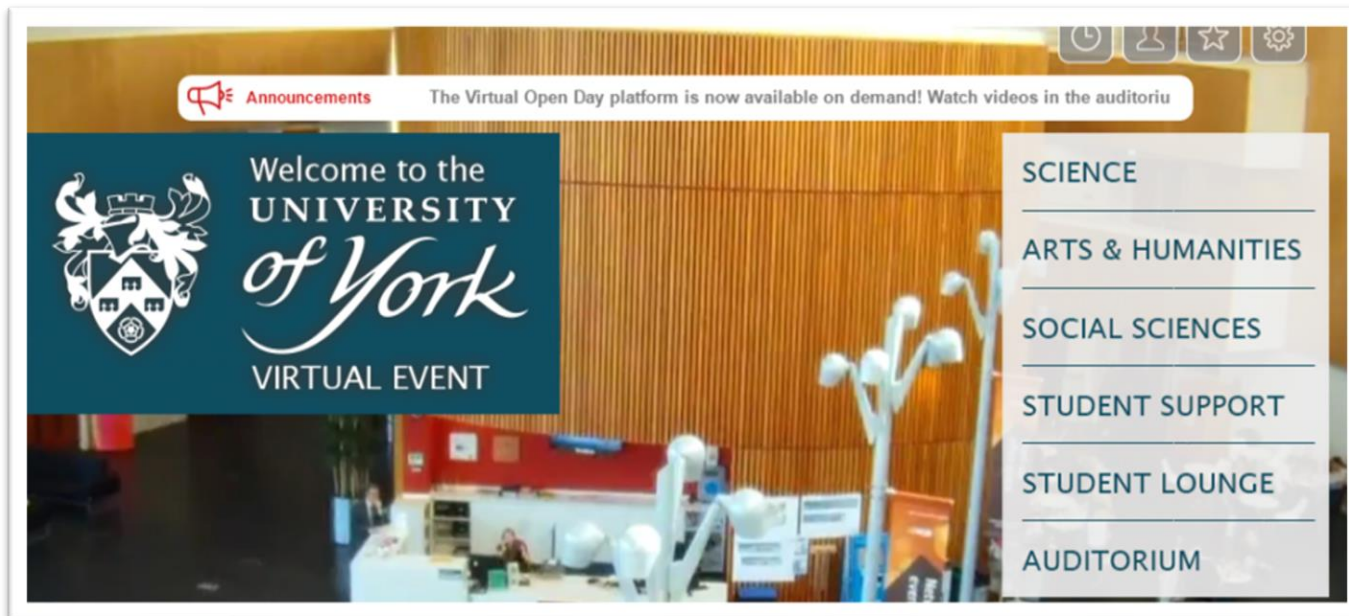
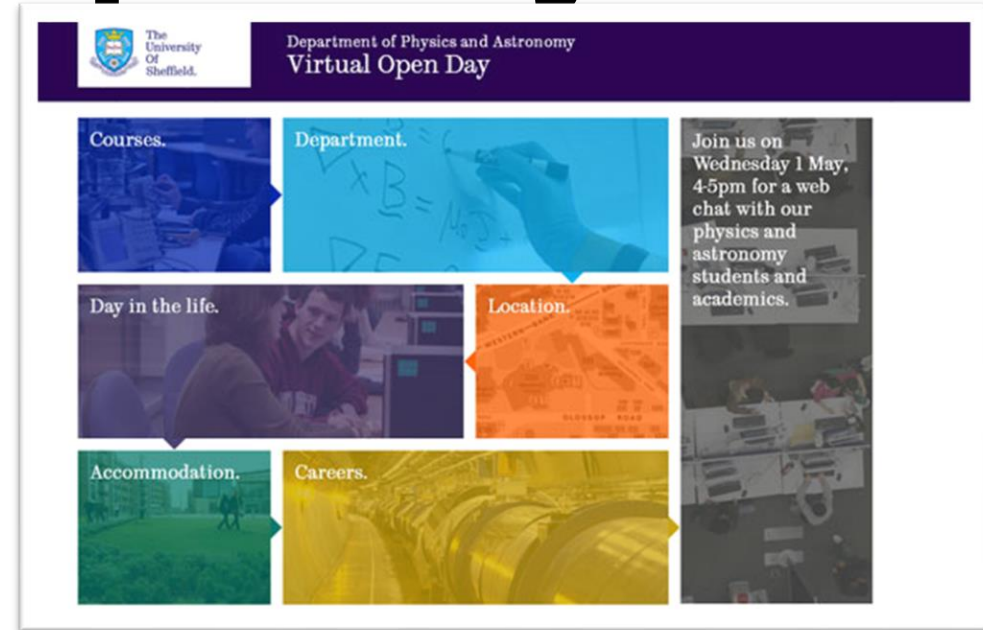
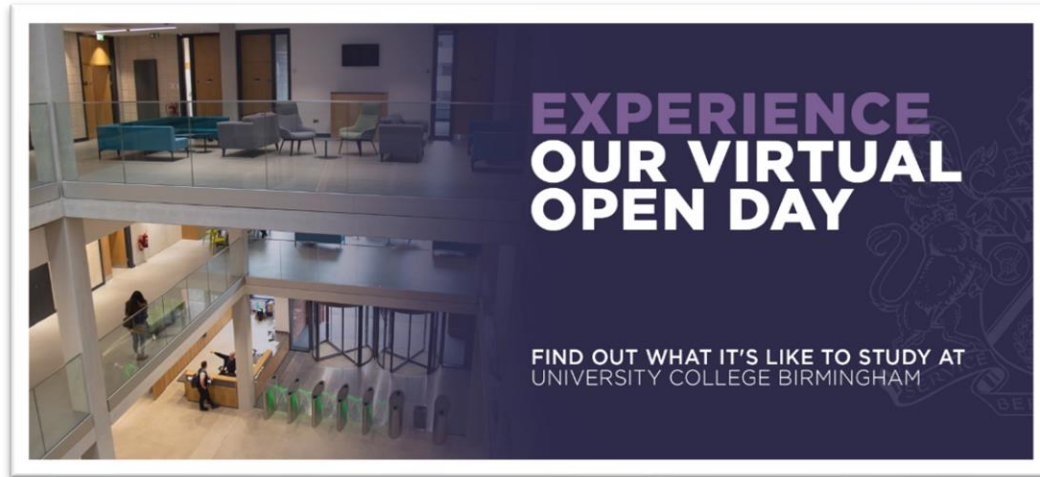
St Andrews is a small university which fosters a strong sense of belonging.

It offers high-quality, passionately taught, flexible degrees in a historic and welcoming setting.

The university has a highly global outlook which benefits all who study there. Over 140 countries are represented in the student body.

One of the world's most ancient universities, St Andrews also strives to be among the most

4) Open Days/ Virtual Open Days



Information on the UCAS website

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Coronavirus - latest updates



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Attend a virtual open day

Explore this section ☰

Even though you can't currently visit them in person, you might be able to attend a virtual open day at a university or college to find out more about them.

Finding out about when and where

[Further education](#)[Undergraduate](#)[Postgraduate](#)[Alternatives](#)[Careers](#)[Sign in](#)[All](#)[Information](#)[Courses](#)[Events](#)[Documents](#)[Videos](#)[Filters](#)[Sort](#) [Start date](#)[Undergraduate](#) ×[Virtual and digital](#) ×[Open day](#) ×

Institute of Contemporary Music Performance - Virtual Open Days



London • Open day • [Virtual and digital](#) [Undergraduate](#) [Postgraduate](#)



UCFB Etihad Undergraduate Virtual Open Day



26 March 2020 to 1 July 2020

Manchester • Open day • [Virtual and digital](#) [Undergraduate](#)

Virtual tours

Explore this section ☰

Here's a list of virtual tours and videos from universities and colleges, so you can see what it's like on campus and what facilities are available.

If the uni/college you're interested in isn't listed, take a look at their website or YouTube channel instead, or see if they're on Unibuddy.

Speak to current undergraduate students on Unibuddy

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University of Aberdeen

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Aberystwyth University



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<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

5) Unibuddy

Chat to current uni students!

<https://www.ucas.com/chat-to-students>





Joe



BA (Hons) Youth & Community Work

ABOUT ME

Heya, I'm a Youth and Community Work student currently studying at Ply...

[Read more about Joe](#)

Chat with Joe



Monique



BA (Hons) Special Educational Needs...

ABOUT ME

I am currently studying to become a cooking teacher in a mainstream sc...

[Read more about Monique](#)

Chat with Monique



Daniela



Film Studies

ABOUT ME

I am currently undergraduate studying Theatre and Film Production at B...

[Read more about Daniela](#)

Chat with Daniela



Waisale



BSc / MSci Professional Accounting ...

ABOUT ME

19 years old living and study at Pearson Business School, London. Stud...



Barbora



Popular Music BA(Hons)

ABOUT ME

Hi! I'm Barbora and I'm a third year student at Falmouth University! I...



Charmain



Physiotherapy BSc (Hons)

ABOUT ME

Hey there! 🤗 I am Charmain- 1st year student studying Physiotherapy. I...

What else should I consider when looking for courses?

Entry requirements for courses are given as either:

- **Grades offers** e.g. AAB

These can often specify particular grades in particular subjects *too* e.g. *BBB including a B in Mathematics*

- **Tariff points offers** e.g. 112 UCAS Tariff points



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Be ambitious, but not unrealistic.

e.g. End of Year 13 Predicted Grades of **CCC (96 UCAS points)**

Choice 1 (*Aspirational*) – **BBC (112 UCAS points)**

Choice 2 (*Potential Firm Choice*) – **BCC (104 UCAS points)**

Choices 3 & 4 (Solid Choices) – **CCC (96 UCAS points)**

Choice 5 (Potential Insurance Choice) – **CCD (88 UCAS points)**

The school provides UCAS Predicted Grades when submitting applications – these can be discussed with Mrs. Hannam/ Mr. Kirby when choosing courses/ submitting applications





Lauren Buckley

3rd year Accounting and Finance (with placement year)

On track for 1st Class Honours

ex-Sherburn Sixth Form student



STEP 3

Writing a personal statement



The basics.

"A personal statement supports your application to study at a university or college. It's a chance for you to articulate why you'd like to study a particular course or subject, and what skills and experience you possess that show your passion for your chosen field."

- No more than 4,000 characters (including spaces) and 47 lines.
- Typically split into 3 sections

The basics.

- 1) Demonstrating a passion for a particular subject area
- 2) Exploring your **A-level studies**, what knowledge/skills you've gained and how these are relevant/useful to your chosen degree
- 3) What do you do **outside of school**? What skills/knowledge have you gained? How are these relevant/useful to your chosen degree.



**top tips on writing
a cracking
personal
statement**

1. Be clear about why you're applying to that particular course – get excited!

- Get some words down on paper!
- Why are you so **excited** about the course you are applying for?
- What is it about that particular course that floats your boat?
- **Be excited. Be positive!**
- How did you get excited about this particular course? Did you read an article about something which got you inspired?
- Collate evidence from extra-curricular activities to back up why you want to do that particular course.



2. Share your skills!

- What skills do you have that will help you cope with that particular course?
- What **transferable skills** do you have?

e.g. communication, essay writing, leadership, good listener, critical thinker, playing an instrument

- Stuck? **Ask friends/ family/ teachers!**
- What's **exciting** about you? What makes you **unique**? What makes you **interesting**? What makes you **stand out**?

(e.g. gaming, gardening, trainspotting!)



3. Condense it down

- **Punchy opening paragraph**

Incredibly excited and you really understand about the course you are applying for

- Chunky middle paragraph to **give evidence to prove your interest** in that particular course. Include **information on your skills and good qualities**

- The end bit (**The personal touch!**)

A little bit about you and **why you're unique**, the things you're interested in, the things that will means you will fit into life at university as a whole



4. Things to avoid...

- No verbal diarrhoea! Keep your personal statement focused. **Is what you're writing relevant to the course you are applying for?**
- Don't be arrogant. **Backing yourself up with relevant evidence of your skills/ qualities** is fine though.
- Avoid flowery language – **keep to plain English.**
- Avoid clichés *e.g.* "*Since I was born I've always wanted to be a doctor*". Stick to normal, plain English.
- **Don't copy.** Software called "Copycatch" which screens personal statements. **You will get caught.**



DON'Ts

5. Try and try again...!

- You will go through many drafts before having the final version, but it will be worth it!
- Each writing, feedback, amending “loop” will make it better and better each time. Aim to have a first draft by the end of the Summer holidays (definitely for Oxbridge/ Medicine/ Dentistry/ Veterinary)
- Fantastic 1-1 support from experienced Post-16 tutors (*Mrs. Hannam, Mr. Kirby*)



Recent graduate with a degree in English from Bath University. Practical work experience as the former editor of Bath University student magazine and as a part-time student, career coach and...
Be authentic.

Be focused.

Be enthusiastic.





Hannah Buckley

Current Year 13 Sherburn Sixth Form student
Accounting and Finance (with placement) at
Newcastle University as Firm choice



Some key dates...

Thursday 15th October

UCAS Deadline for Oxbridge/ Medicine/ Veterinary/ Dentistry applications to be submitted

Thursday 21st October

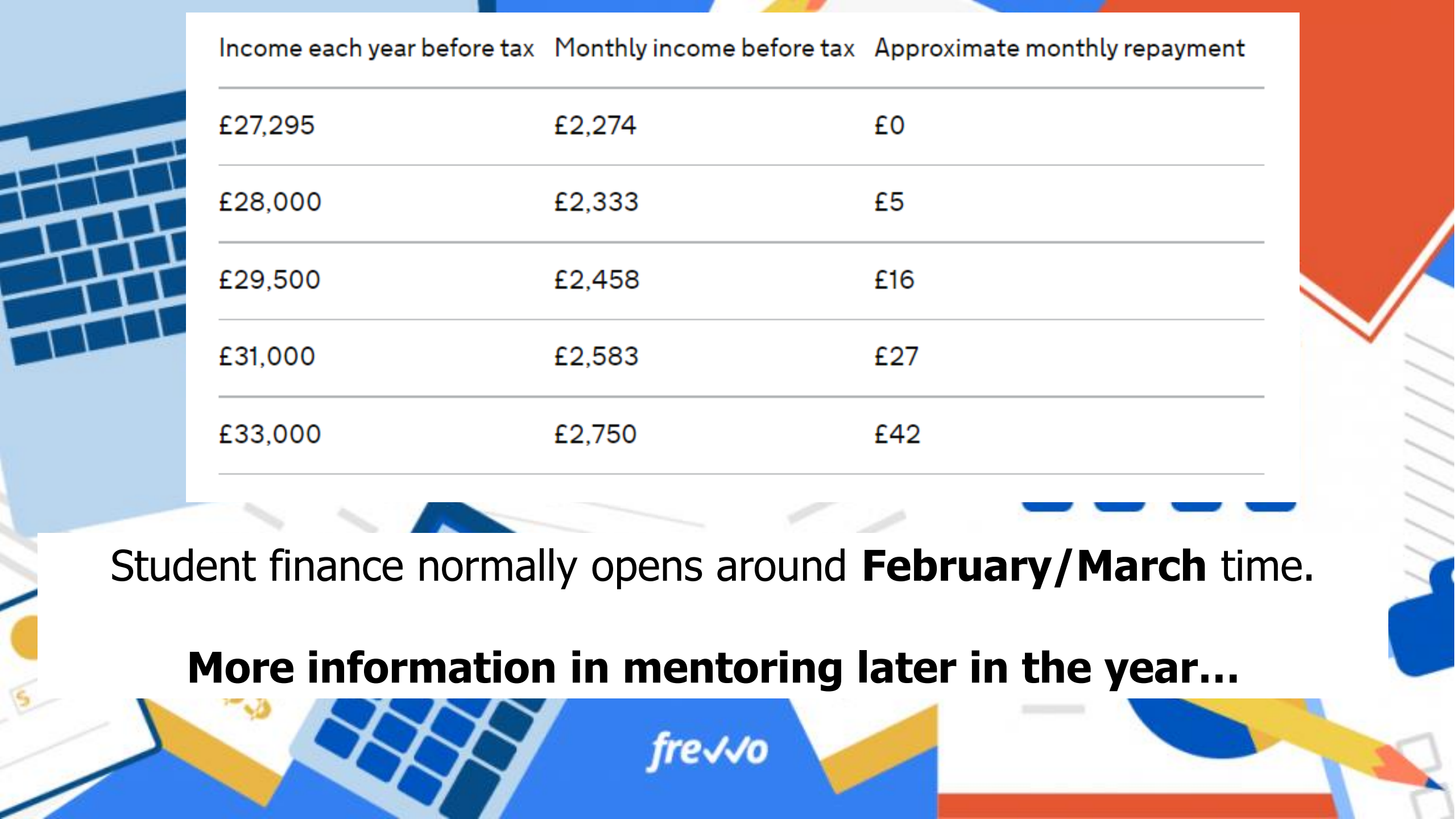
Internal deadline for ALL completed applications.
All student applications submitted subject to final checks.

Wednesday 26th January

Final external deadline for all UCAS applications

Student finance

- **Repay 9% of whatever you earn over £27,295** *(if you never earn about this, you will never pay anything!)*
- **Tuition fee loan** – available to all and paid direct to university *(approx. £9,250 per year)*
- **Maintenance loan** – covers cost of living. If a full time UK student, you can get up to £9,488 per year from the Government (depending on household income and whether you live at home or not) Apply for a new loan each year.



Income each year before tax	Monthly income before tax	Approximate monthly repayment
£27,295	£2,274	£0
£28,000	£2,333	£5
£29,500	£2,458	£16
£31,000	£2,583	£27
£33,000	£2,750	£42

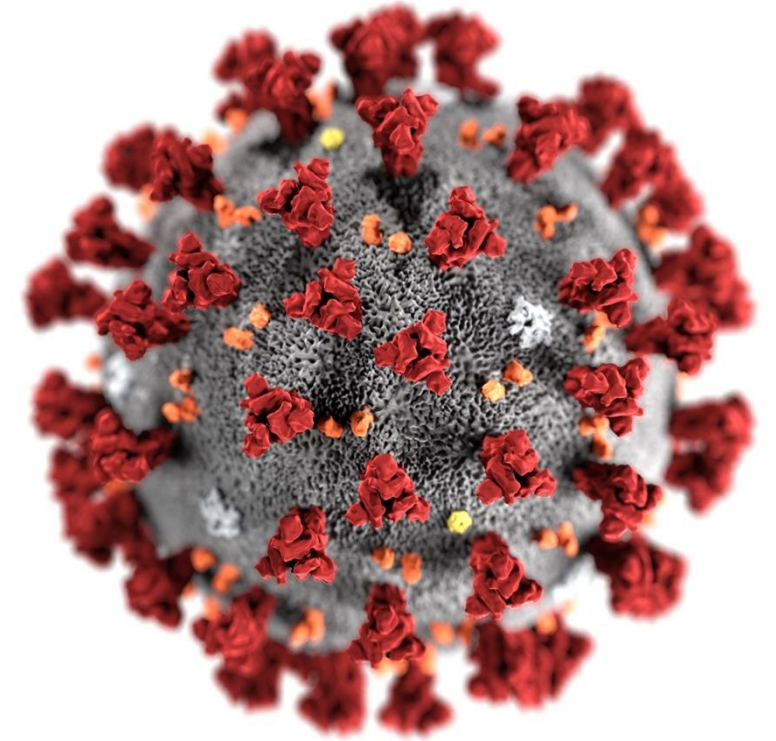
Student finance normally opens around **February/March** time.

More information in mentoring later in the year...

What about Covid-19?

How might that affect my application?

- Applications for 2022 entry to university going ahead as normal
- Places *could* be more competitive this coming year due to oversubscription in the last academic year (no places in clearing for a lot of Russell Group universities in Summer 2021)
- Statement will be placed on the school website re. disruption to learning due to Covid-19 for UCAS applications (as recommended by them)



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

<https://www.ucas.com/search/frequently-asked-questions/coronavirus>

STUDENT GUIDE TO THE UCAS APPLICATION PROCESS

2020-21

UCAS



Sherburn
High School
6 FORM
ACHIEVE YOUR
POTENTIAL

Check out the SHS
**“Student Guide to the UCAS
Application Process”**
for loads more information!

But my son/daughter doesn't want to go to university!
Where can I find out about Apprenticeships/ Employment?



3) Apprenticeships/Employment



A quick guide to Apprenticeships!

How can I find out about apprenticeships and how to apply?

Some tools to help you get clued up!

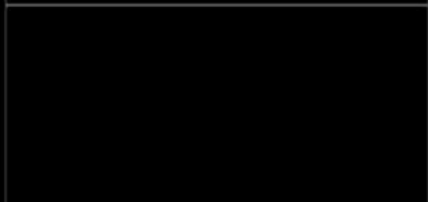


1) The “Apprenticeships and Higher Education Evening” video – [click here to view.](#)




3a. Apprenticeships & Higher Education evening - Sherburn High School

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What kind of apprenticeships are there?



 <p>Accounting</p>	 <p>Aviation</p>	 <p>Horticulture</p>	 <p>Architect</p>	 <p>Hairdressing</p>
 <p>Teaching</p>	 <p>Hospitality</p>	 <p>Surveying</p>	 <p>Journalism</p>	 <p>Nursing</p>
 <p>Dental Nursing</p>	 <p>Cyber Security</p>	 <p>Creative & Digital</p>	 <p>Legal Services</p>	 <p>Project management</p>

And many more....

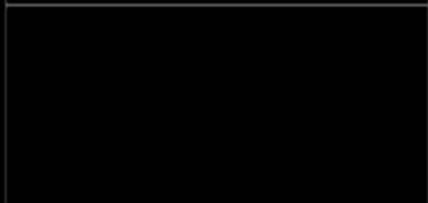


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Which employers offer apprenticeships?

Amazing Apprenticeships

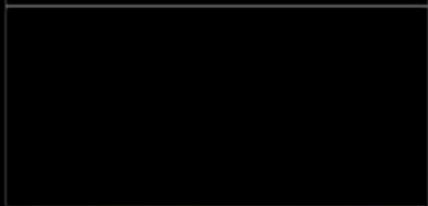
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The levels of apprenticeships

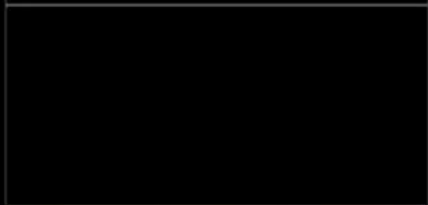


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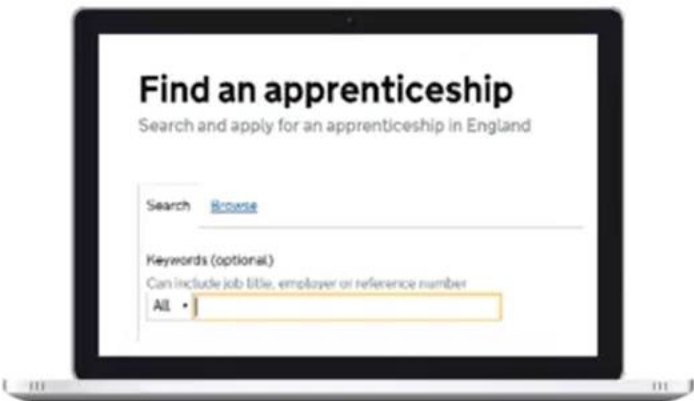
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Do your research – where to look



AmazingApprenticeships.com/vacancies



[GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) Find an Apprenticeship



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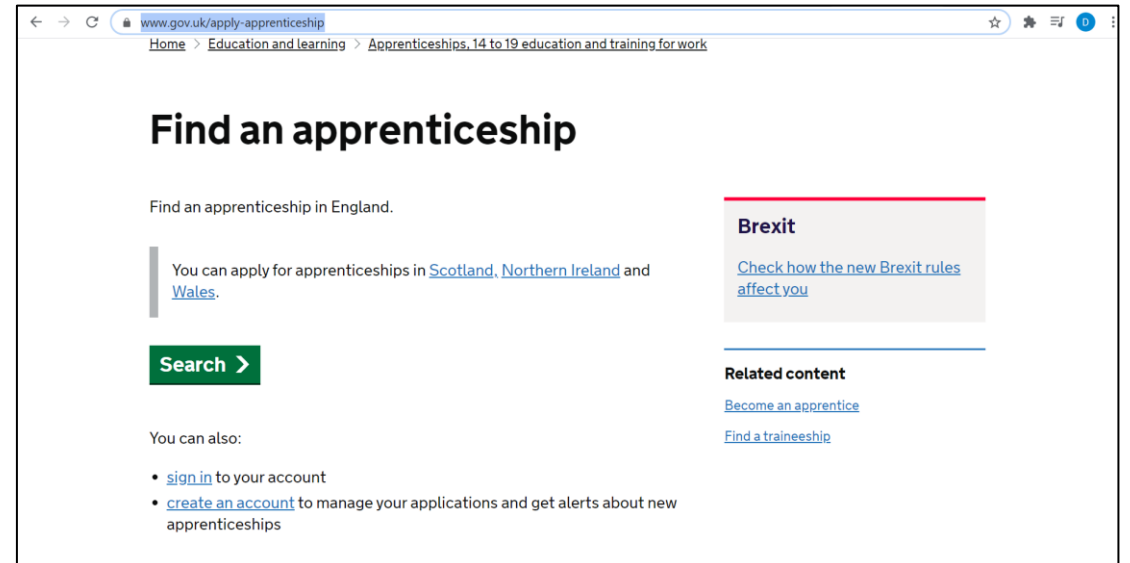
Amazing Apprenticeships – Vacancy Snapshot

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

2. Gov.uk “Find an apprenticeship”

You can search for local/ regional/ national apprenticeship opportunities via the gov.uk “find an apprenticeship website.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>





Level 3 – Roughly equivalent to A-levels

Ideally you'd be looking at either a Higher, or Degree level apprenticeship BUT... a Level 3 apprenticeship might allow you to “get your foot in the door”

3. Make a careers appointment

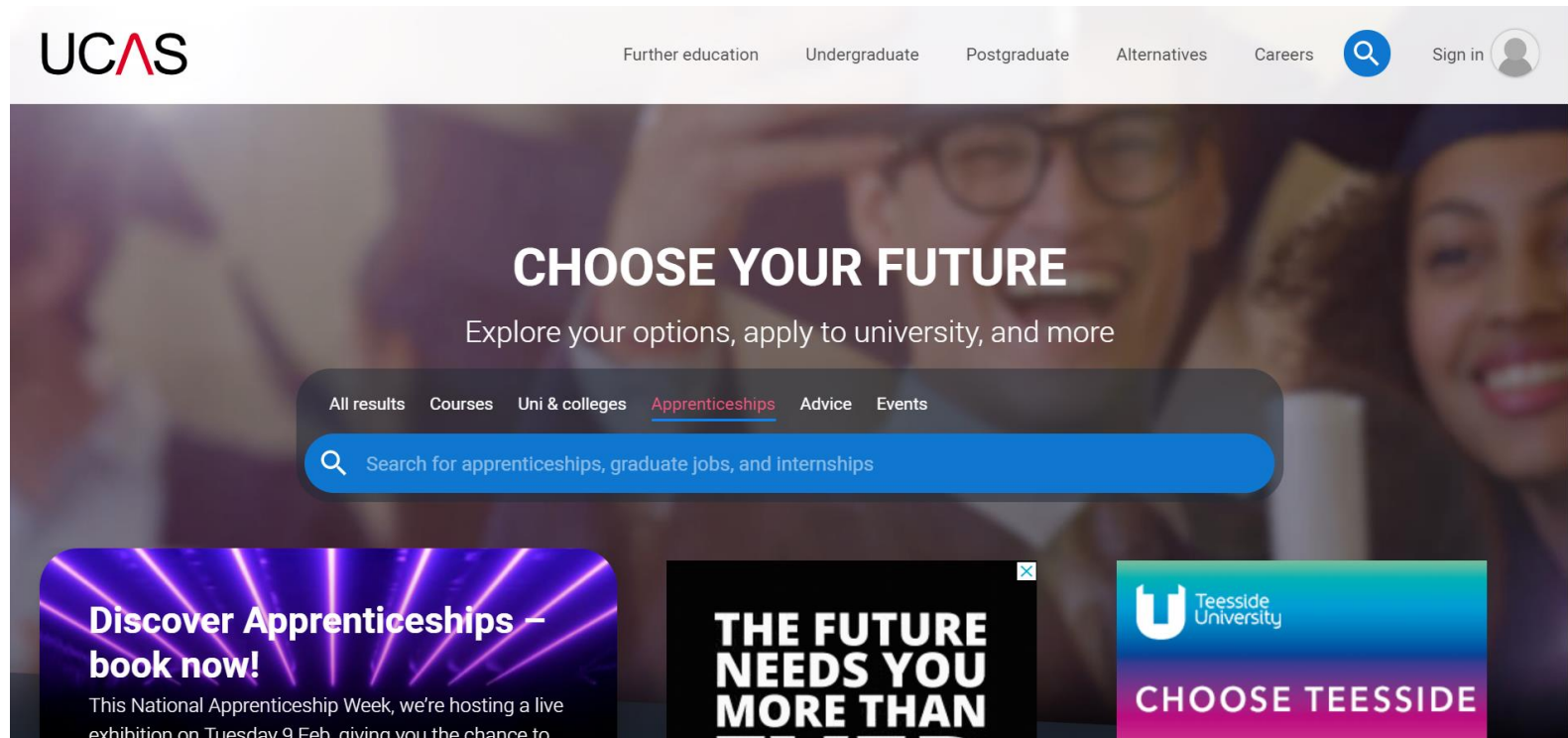
Ms. Chapman is an independent careers adviser who works in school.

You can arrange an appointment with Ms. Chapman to discuss what opportunities there might be out there.

If you want to do this, email Ms. Mills at bea.mills@shs.starmat.uk and we can set the ball rolling!

4. UCAS website

Some employers make use of the UCAS website for you to search and then apply to apprenticeship opportunities.



5. Check out Apprenticeships week information!

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

DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIPS WEEK

It's National Apprenticeship Week – Monday 8 Feb to Friday 12 Feb! Join us each day to discover something new about what's on offer and what's involved in studying while working.

- Hear from current apprentices about their experiences.
- Meet and speak to employers apprenticeship providers about what opportunities await you.
- Get expert advice on choosing between your options after school or college.
- Join us live to find out how you can land your dream apprenticeship.

To get involved in all of this and more, sign up below.

[Book now](#) 

6. It's not like applying to university...

Different employers have different deadlines and ways of recruiting new apprentices...

BUT... the materials that are on here are good starting point and then it's really over to you to research and read about opportunities that are out there.

Any opportunities that come into school are sent out to students via email.

If you need support with your application or preparing for an interview, then just let us know and we're happy to help (but this needs to come from you!!)

AND Finally...

thank
you



Please complete the feedback forms and put in the box as you leave.

Feel free to stay and talk to the Post-16 team.

Have a safe journey home and thank you for coming!
See you on Tuesday 23rd November!

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