

Year 12 Information Evening

UCAS



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PowerPoint will be put onto the Sixth Form pages of our website.

Support at King Alfred's Sixth Form

Mr Hogan – Oversees final submissions of UCAS applications

Mr Johnson – Oversees support with UCAS registration

Mrs Brennan – Oversees student's UCAS registration

Mrs Drexelius – Apprenticeship advice and support

Miss Stokell – Academic enrichment, Early entry support.

Miss Smith – pastoral support

Teachers – Provide relevant subject references and predicted grades

Tutors – ongoing support through the process

Planning their next step

There is a huge amount of information, advice, guidance online!

- Potential information overload.
- *Guided discovery* is needed.
- Focus on the 'Inspiration'.
- Being prepared is the key to feeling in control.
- Students need to take ownership of their future
- They should never be a passenger in the process
- They need to invest the time early to be able to make the right decisions
- We believe parents should be part of this decision making process

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We believe everything you need to know is on:

- Unifrog and UCAS.
- Blackbullion and Student Loan Company.
- Individual institution websites

Unifrog



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Quiz profile

✘ 0 of 4 quizzes complete



UK universities

3 shortlists



European universities

0 shortlists



Oxbridge

0 shortlists



Careers library

✘ Careers favourited



Subjects library

✘ Subjects favourited



Activities

✘ Recorded at least 10



Skills

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Interactions

✘ Missing 5 Interaction types



Courses

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Levels of Apprenticeships



Level	Also called...	Equivalent to
2	Intermediate Apprenticeships	5 GCSE passes
3	Advanced Apprenticeships	2/3 A-Levels
4+	Higher Apprenticeships	Certificate of Higher Education (Completion of Year 1 of University)
6/7	Degree Apprenticeships	Full degree (Level 6) Master's degree (Level 7)

- Year 13 students should apply for at least **Level 3**
- Students will typically work 4 days a week and be released 1 day of college/training.
- Typically it will last 4 years
- Students earn a wage, and any education/training is paid for by the company.
- Potential for a permanent job at the end.

KA Careers Page on our website

➤ Careers Blog examples:

"Your Career Starts Here: Explore Apprenticeships at Warner Bros. Discovery" Tues 16 June

"Navigate: Uncovering Unexpected Apprenticeships" Mon 11 May

"Future Pathways: A Parent's Guide to Apprenticeships" Thurs 30 April

Also:

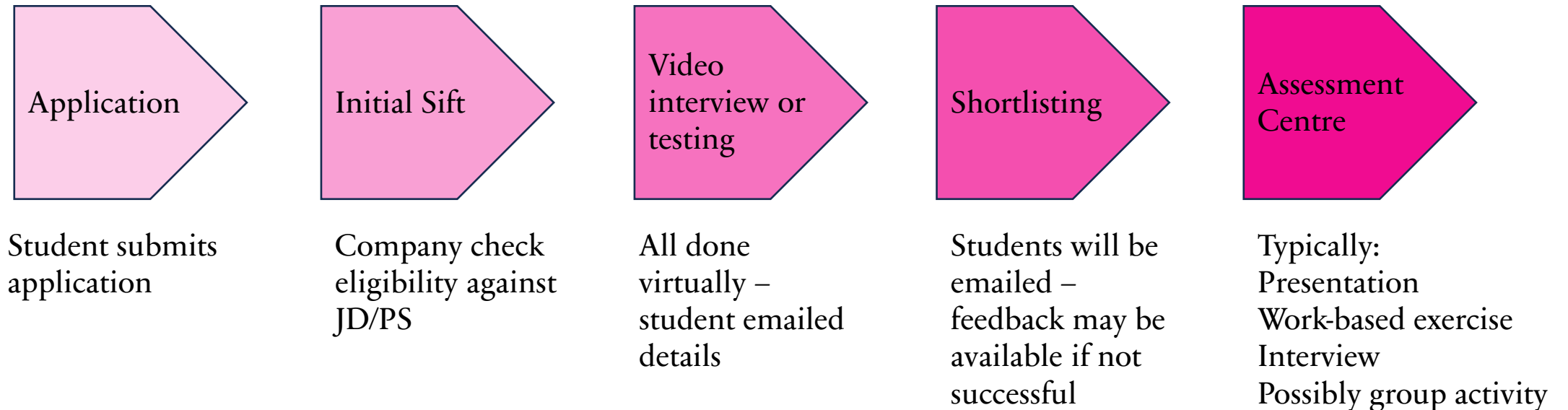
➤ ePraise Careers and KAAEP messages.

➤ Apprenticeships are also advertised on:



Apprenticeship applications

- Students should be working on a CV in Unifrog to prepare for when apprenticeships are released.
- Students will most likely need to complete an application form which will include their predicted grades and employment history including work experience.





- www.springpod.com
- Boost your CV by completing a virtual work experience with leading companies e.g. NHS, Thames Water, PwC, Deloitte, JCB, Met Office, and Fujitsu
- Access a Subject Spotlight. Pre-recorded webinars delivered by University lecturers on current topics which last approx. 30 mins in length and involve a short activity e.g.
 - "Exploring the Mind – Clinical and Forensic Psychology"
 - "Data Science & The Power of AI"
- Springpod Opportunities – promotion of apprenticeships and jobs with some of the world's biggest employers.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

- **The Ricks Group.** A weekly lunchtime session for all students supporting their applications to university and apprenticeships
- Individual tailored support re. **personal statements**
- Guidance and advice on university **admissions tests and interviews**, where needed.
- **Interview practice and support**
- Putting students in touch with the top universities, as well as organisations such as the Brilliant Club

DEVELOPING STUDENT'S SUPER CURRICULUM ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

- Super Curriculum is what will make students stand out from the crowd.
- It is all the independent learning and research that they do above and beyond their lessons.
- We provide:
 - A Super Curriculum Booklet packed with resources to help students begin this exploration
 - Academic Workshops, Evening Talks and Visits
 - Debate Club to help build confidence in public speaking
 - Regular emails with opportunities offered by universities and other research bodies.
 - A termly Academic Enrichment Newsletter with lots of local opportunities for independent learning, as well as online resources
 - 1:1 guidance
 - Subject-specific recommended Reading List for KS5.

**Students need to sign up to the AEP mailing list for this.
email Miss Stokell to sign up.**

University Applications

- ❖ All university applications must be made through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service)
- ❖ There are a very small number of institutions that do not use UCAS
- ❖ Students sign up to the UCAS Hub and then can make an application.

The logo for UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) is displayed. It consists of the letters 'UCAS' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'U', 'C', and 'S' are black, while the 'A' is a vibrant red color.

University Applications Context

- There are over 30,000 university courses available in the UK
- In 2025 there were over 45,000 more applicants than in 2019
- By 2030, there will be 200,000 more 18 year olds than in 2025
- Almost 42% of 18 year olds apply to university
- Nearly 320,000 18 years applied to university in 2024

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UCAS Website

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Parent, Guardian and Carer Guide

Download our free guide, containing everything you need to support a young person with their options and decision-making, and help them through the UCAS application process.

THE ULTIMATE GUIDES



Subject guides



Career guides



Industry guides



City guides

UCAS Parents' Podcast

Listen to our live studio podcasts covering everything parents need to know about education and careers, from university applications to the skills shaping the jobs of tomorrow. Get expert advice to help guide your child's future.

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University Applications

Application includes:

- Personal details
- Course and university choices (Max 5 choices)
- Personal Statement
- Reference and predicted grades

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UCAS Process – 5 stages to making an application

Action Required	Who does it?	When?
Sign up to UCAS Hub and complete Application Registration	Student (in school)	July of Year 12 Deadline: end of summer term
Add Institution and Course Choices	Student	October / November
Write and upload Personal Statement Pay the fee and submit application	Student	October / November Deadline: 20 Nov.
Write and upload School Reference and Predicted grades	Staff	November / December
Submit Application to UCAS	Mr Hogan	December

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UCAS Process: Deadlines

Early Entry: 15 October

(Oxbridge, and all medical courses)

General Applications: **13 January**

KA's internal deadline: 20 November
(7 months)

UCAS Process: Courses and Choices

Students should start by finding the course they want to study.

Only then should they find the institutions that offer that course.

UCAS Process: Personal statements

Three boxes to complete:

1. *Why do you want to study this subject?*
2. *How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course?*
3. *What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?*

- There is no weighting given to one box, so students do not have to worry about putting the information in the wrong box.
- They can use Unifrog or just create a word document. Do not start writing it straight into UCAS.
- When finished upload into the UCAS application.

UCAS Process: References

References are also in three sections:

1. General school context
2. Extenuating Circumstances
3. Relevant academic content

Universities are very clear that they only want information relating to the relevant subject to the university course.

UCAS Process: Predicted Grades

Predicted grades are based on the following:

- General academic performance throughout Year 12
- Year 12 mock exams
- Teacher's professional judgement on the student's ability to achieve at the end of Year 13
- In class assessment in the early part of Year 13.

We make the grades as aspirational but realistic as possible.

We want to help students get an offer but need them to understand the reality of what is achievable.

UCAS Process: Submission

- Students submit their applications by paying the fee, and hitting the 'submit' tab.
- Once a student submits their application, we will assume that it is correct, finished and complete.
- We will add the reference and grades and sent it to UCAS without any further checking with the student.

Once submitted nothing can be changed.

UCAS Process Timeline

KA internal deadline for submission:	20 Nov 2026
Deadline for receiving offers:	31 March 2027
Student Finance opens:	Late March 2027
Deadline for students to select Firm and Insurance choices:	Early May 2027

Student Finance

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**Get confident
with money**

Blackbullion is the ultimate destination for students to master money management. It's the place to **learn** about money, **find** extra money, and **manage** your money with confidence.

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<https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>

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Next Steps for you

- Unifrog Quizzes (do it together)
- University Open Days (visit before you commit)
- Unifrog Careers Library (search random careers)
- Meet Miss Drexelius to discuss Apprenticeships
- UCAS Registration (in school)

Questions

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