## 'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts' Winston Churchill





#### This session will cover:

- The importance of super-curricular activity
- UCAS process
- Selecting firm and insurance choices
- Student finance
- Results' Day
- Apprenticeships

## **Timeline for UCAS process**



- University careers event Autumn term
- Yr 12 Work Experience (18th-20th December(
- Super-curricular diary Spring term
- Early Entrance process starts Spring term
- PPÉ examinations Summer term. Students will receive their predicted grades
- UCAS drop-down day June 2023
- UCAS mentor allocated
- Drafting of personal statement
- University Open Days
- Start sending off university applications from Sept of Yr 13
- All applications submitted by end of Autumn term of Yr 13
- Students should receive offers by May of Yr 13. (If they receive all offers by May they need to respond by 6th June 2024)
- Student finance applications open deadline tbc
- Results Day (August 15th 2024)



## Super-curricular activities/ work experience





YR 12 work experience dates from 18th-20th December





## Super-curricular activity - how to keep track of additional reading/research



https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k6xDRjmoaUbl3pl TCRWHXx-aNml\_eeR2/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=100551 912356787665360&rtpof=true&sd=true

#### Y12 super-curricular activity diary for: [add your name]

- Enter all your activities
- · Comment on what you have learned by doing this activity. Consider
  - o Areas in which you have extended your knowledge
  - o Skills you have learned or developed further
  - Evaluate what you have heard for example, if attending a virtual lecture, to what extent did you agree / disagree with the views of the lecturer or other participants
- Diarise activities in the future such as courses, virtual lectures or work experience
- Add extra rows if you need them to make sure you capture the full value of all your super-curricular work

#### Y12 to date - enter all your super-curricular activities so far this year

Approx date	Super-curricular activity	What did I learn?	
	12		
3	8		



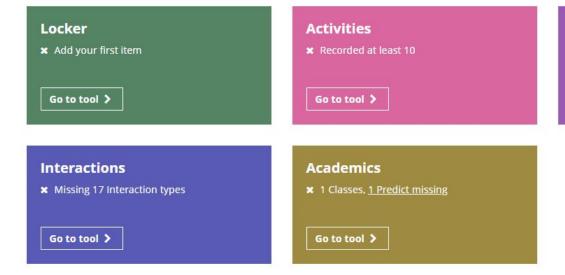


#### Recording what you've done

Skills

**★** Completed all 12

Go to tool >



## Early entry applications

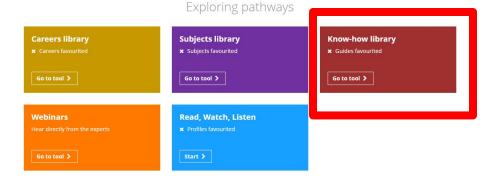


- The Early Entrance coordinator is Mr Meredith.
  The Early Entrance programme has closed for 2024. We will launch with current Yr 12s in Spring term.
- 1. What has happened for Y13 applications
  - 1. 24 applications, 11 interviews, 1 Duke offer, 3 Cambridge, 1 dentistry, many biomedicine etc
- 2. Outline of programme for Y12
  - 1. Tutor time sessions after PPEs
    - Focus on personal statements
    - Course choices
  - 2. Clubs H2 Summer
  - Why Medicine sessions- Including Work Experience which they must source themselves, alongside school initiatives
  - 4. Session with former students
  - Importance of super-curricular
  - Preparation for additional testing, e.g LNAT, UCAT, BMAT

### International applications









#### Search by pathway

UK universities (199) >
US universities (99) >
European universities (109) >
Oxbridge (25) >
World of work (85) >

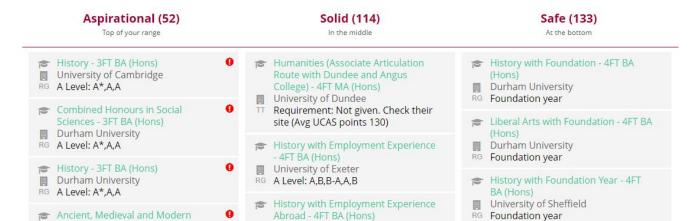
UK apprenticeships (54) >
UK College and Sixth Form (21) >
Canadian universities (17) >
Asian universities (52) >

Australasian universities (18) >
Middle Eastern and African universities (27) >
Irish universities (8) >
Latin American universities (20) >

## Predicted grades/Making your choices

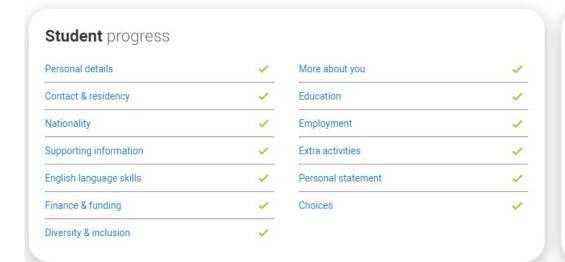
唧

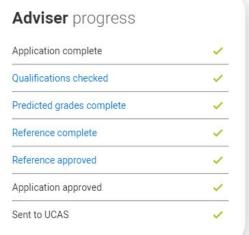
- Students have to select a maximum of 5 universities to apply to.
- Students should select a range of **aspirational**, **secure and insurance** options.
- We always recommend at least **2 secure choices** out of the 5 options.
- We recommend that students visit the universities they want to apply to, however, universities will also provide 'offer holder days' so they can visit the universities after they have applied.
- Students receive UCAS predicted grades at the end of Yr 12 and Autumn of Yr 13. The highest grade is sent to UCAS.



### **UCAS** process

- Each student will need to complete their own UCAS application form. We provide a step-by-step handbook on how to answer each section correctly.
- They must use their personal email to set up their account.
- They must have completed all sections before sending off their account.
   A member of the 6f will check their application, but it is their responsibility to ensure that there aren't any mistakes.





## Key dates for Autumn/Spring term



Friday 24th November - EWOD

Year 12 sessions on Unifrog, Study Skills, Careers fair Year 13 compulsory sign up for UCAS support

**18th-20th December** Year 12 Work Experience

**31 January 2024** Applications for the majority of undergraduate courses should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time) on the equal consideration date.

## **UCAS** top tips



- 1. Start research early there are a lot of higher education options to choose from!
- 2. Register in the UCAS Hub and browse through courses so they can work out what they would enjoy or be interested in.
- 3. Know the deadlines for some courses, the application deadline is almost a year in advance of when the course starts.
- 4. Go to UCAS events and course provider open days speak to us and higher education staff to get answers to their questions.
- 5. Check entry requirements make sure they can get the grades they need to get a place on a course.
- Redraft their personal statement get plenty of feedback and refine it until they're happy.
- 7. Understand student finance so they can make the best arrangements to fund their studies.
- 8. Be prepared for results day make sure they're prepared for all the possible outcomes.
- 9. Understand how Extra and Clearing work different ways to apply for more courses.
- 10. Visit our Facebook and Twitter regularly to get advice and ask questions.

## Receiving/ accepting offers



- Students can receive offers as soon as they've sent off their application. After they have received offers they might be invited to 'Offer Holders Days' 3 authorised per year
- Firm and insurance choices (rejecting remaining offers) by May 2024. Students shouldn't do this until they've met with a member of the 6f team.
- Accommodation allocations for firm choice please don't allow your child into feeling pressured to make these choices too early.
- Student finance applications
- What will happen on results day?

## **Apprenticeships**



- Apprenticeships are designed by employers so the training reflects the skills, knowledge and behaviours an apprentice will need for a particular occupation.
- Apprenticeship training is of a high standard and only training providers who are on the register of apprenticeship training providers can deliver the training.
- Working as an apprentice means they earn as they learn. An apprentice works in a real
  job and spends 20% of their working hours training. So they gain the skills needed for
  their chosen occupation.
- Some apprenticeships include a qualification, including a degree. All of the training is free, so the apprentice has no student debt to worry about.
- A school or college leaver can apply for university and an apprenticeship at the same time. They can make their final decision after they've had time to consider their options.

## **Apprenticeships**



Students will have received a talk from 'Ask Apprenticeships'.

- https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/support-for-parents-and-guardians#
- https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships
- https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/





# Q&A