

Sixth Form Induction

Day 2023

Post-18 Support

UCAS



The aims of this session...

- To introduce you to different post-18 routes.
- To give you an idea of the post-18 process in the Sixth Form.
- To start planning your post-18 evidence building.

POST-18 ROUTES

What are the post-18 routes that are available to you?

- University degree
- Apprenticeship
- Degree apprenticeship
- Job

University Degree

If you would like to go to university to study a chosen course in a subject you are interested in, then you will need to go through the following process:

What is the process you go through when applying for university?

1. Research courses and institutions in the field you are interested in.
2. Check entry requirements to ensure they are achievable in relation to your progress in your subjects (you will have a better idea of this towards the end of Year 12).
3. Build evidence for your application (more on this later!).
4. Write your personal statement.
5. Complete your UCAS application, selecting up to 5 university choices.
6. Send off your application!

What subject should I study at university?

It's important you choose a subject you enjoy and will help you reach your goals. Here are some things to help you choose the right subject for you:

- Think about what you enjoy day-to-day – maybe this could be part of a future job role?
- Explore different job sites and graduate career options to look for ideas on what you'd like to do once you've finished your studies.
- Think about your career goals and the qualifications required.
- Take a look at the UCAS subject guides (<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects>) to get an idea of the types of subjects you could study, and the industries graduates go on to work in.
- Search for courses by subject to see what's available (you will do this later!).

Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. There are many apprenticeship vacancy search engines out there but the main one is here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>. You will need to write a cover letter to apply and would also have an interview.

As an apprentice you'll:

- be an employee earning a wage and getting holiday pay
- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- get time for training and study related to your role (at least 20% of your normal working hours)

Degree Apprenticeship

A degree apprenticeship enables you to gain a full undergraduate degree while you work. Degree apprenticeships take three to six years to complete, depending on the course level.

You'll spend most of your time working and you'll also study part-time at university. For example, you might go to university one or two days per week, or in short blocks, such as a week at a time. Overall, you spend about 20% of your time studying vs. 80% of your time working.

Employment

- You will need to research different areas of employment that interest you.
- You will also need to research the progression routes in different careers you find interesting. Think about your goals in terms of progress and where you would like to be in that career 5 or 10 years into the career.
- You will need a CV and cover letter.
- You will then have an interview if the employers are impressed by your CV and cover letter.

How does the post-18 process work in the Sixth Form?

1. From the start of Year 12, you should begin building evidence to demonstrate why you are the best candidate for your chosen post-18 course (more on this later!).
2. Throughout Year 12, you should explore the different post-18 routes that interest you and find specific institutions/courses that you would like to apply for.
3. You will then have opportunities throughout the year to discuss these options with your tutors in 1:1 meetings and can also speak to our sixth form learning mentors for advice and support.
4. At the end of Year 12, you will have a post-18 day where you will receive support to start writing your personal statements and/or cover letters.
5. At the start of Year 13, you will finish your personal statements with the support of the sixth form team.
6. By the autumn half term of Year 13, you should have sent off your UCAS application (if applying to university). Students applying for apprenticeships will continue looking for vacancies throughout the year and should apply by March of Year 13.

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The RHS Sixth Form One Stop Shop

If you are a student at Ruislip High School Sixth Form, you have exclusive access to the **RHS Sixth Form One Stop Shop**. This site contains information and helpful advice and activities about sixth form life, study skills, **post-18 applications**, wellbeing, and much more. You will need to use your school email address to log in.

Please click [here](#).

On the Sixth Form One Stop Shop, there is lots of guidance on what to do when you leave RHS

Make informed decisions



Informed Choices

Input your A-Level subjects to see which university degrees you could apply with and which degrees have no prerequisites.



Career's Advisor

Book a meeting with the school Career's Advisor by emailing your Head of Year or speaking to your form tutor.



Put Yourself Out There

Sign up and take part in [open days](#), taster events, workshops, lectures, networking events and speak to industry professionals.

These are all excellent opportunities to help you make an informed decision about what is right for you. You won't know what you do or don't like until you give something a try!



Work Experience

Complete work experience- this can be paid or unpaid, in person or online. You could even try out a part time job to see what the working world is like. All these experiences help you understand what kind of working environment you enjoy and might thrive in.



What to do if you don't know what to do - University of Wollongong - UOW



How to figure out what to do ...



How Do You Actually Pick a Degree Subject?



Liberal Arts / Combined Honours

Although commonly associated with American universities, Liberal Arts degrees are flexible multidisciplinary programmes, which give those who want to specialise in more than one subject the chance to study a combination of the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences.

Anthropology



Did you know?

Jane Goodall, a prominent anthropologist, studies primates by living with them for extended periods of time. She has discovered a number of similarities between humans and chimpanzees!

Architecture



Did you know?

It takes 7 years to fully qualify as an architect, 5 years of university study and 2 years of practical experience.

Biological Sciences



Did you know?

David Attenborough graduated with a degree in natural sciences from Clare College, University of Cambridge in 1947.

Business



Did you know?

Business Studies is the subject with the highest rate of international students in the

Creative Arts



Did you know?

The UK Government estimated that the creative industries contributed £115.9 billion

Computer Science



Did you know?

Computer science careers are expected to grow substantially in the upcoming years, with

**RHS SIXTH FORM
POST-18 SUCCESS
STORIES**

Post-18 Success Stories from 2022 Leavers

- Portia Lawrence and Katerina Reguretska - got into Cambridge and are thriving. The school had a total of 4 students end up at Oxbridge that year.
- Rishley Permalloo went on to do a degree apprenticeship with a top law firm and is loving his work, coming back to help current students.
- Zainab went on to follow her dream of studying medicine at University. The school has a record now for sending students to top universities to study medicine.

EXTENSION TASK

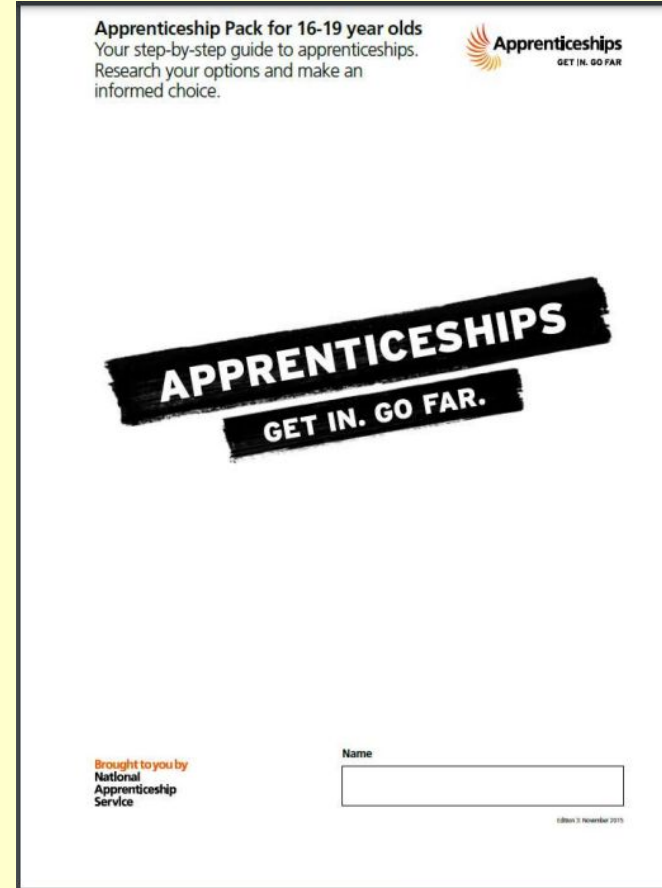
BUILDING EVIDENCE

Chromebook Research: Apprenticeships

If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship after you leave RHS Sixth Form, then you should work through Section A of this booklet which will provide you with everything you need to know about apprenticeships.

Type the following into Google and click on the first link:

'apprenticeship pack 16-19'



Why is it important to build evidence for your post-18 application?

Universities or apprenticeship providers don't just want to hear that you are interested in their institution/courses - they want to see proof:

- Proof that you have genuine interest in a subject/course/apprenticeship area.
- Proof that you have acted on that interest.

Where to get evidence from

- Wider Reading
- Open Days
- Website research
- TV/radio programmes
- Ted Talks
- Newspaper articles and editorials
- Work experience (online or in person)
- Work shadowing
- MOOCs (open online courses) - <https://www.futurelearn.com/>
- EPQ
- Lectures (online or in person)

Your Task

Do research to find post-18 evidence linked to the post-18 courses/subjects you found earlier.

You can then start to work on building this evidence in the summer and throughout Year 12.

1. Click on a subject under [‘Degree Subjects’](#)
2. Scroll down to find ‘What can I do to make my ... competitive’

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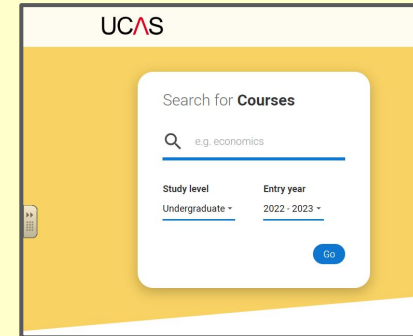
RESEARCH TASKS

Research: University Degrees

If you are interested in applying to university after you leave RHS Sixth Form, then you should use the UCAS website to search through courses in subject areas that interest you.

Use the UCAS search tool here:

<https://digital.ucas.com/search>



Your Task: On a Google Doc, record all of your research on the different courses and institutions you find.

Things to think about including:

- Course title and code
- Institution name
- Modules that interest you
- Modules that you are not too sure about and need to do further research on
- Entry requirements
- Career options after completing this degree

- Take a look at the UCAS subject guides here to help you with this task:

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects>

- You can also use the [One Stop Shop](#)

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