

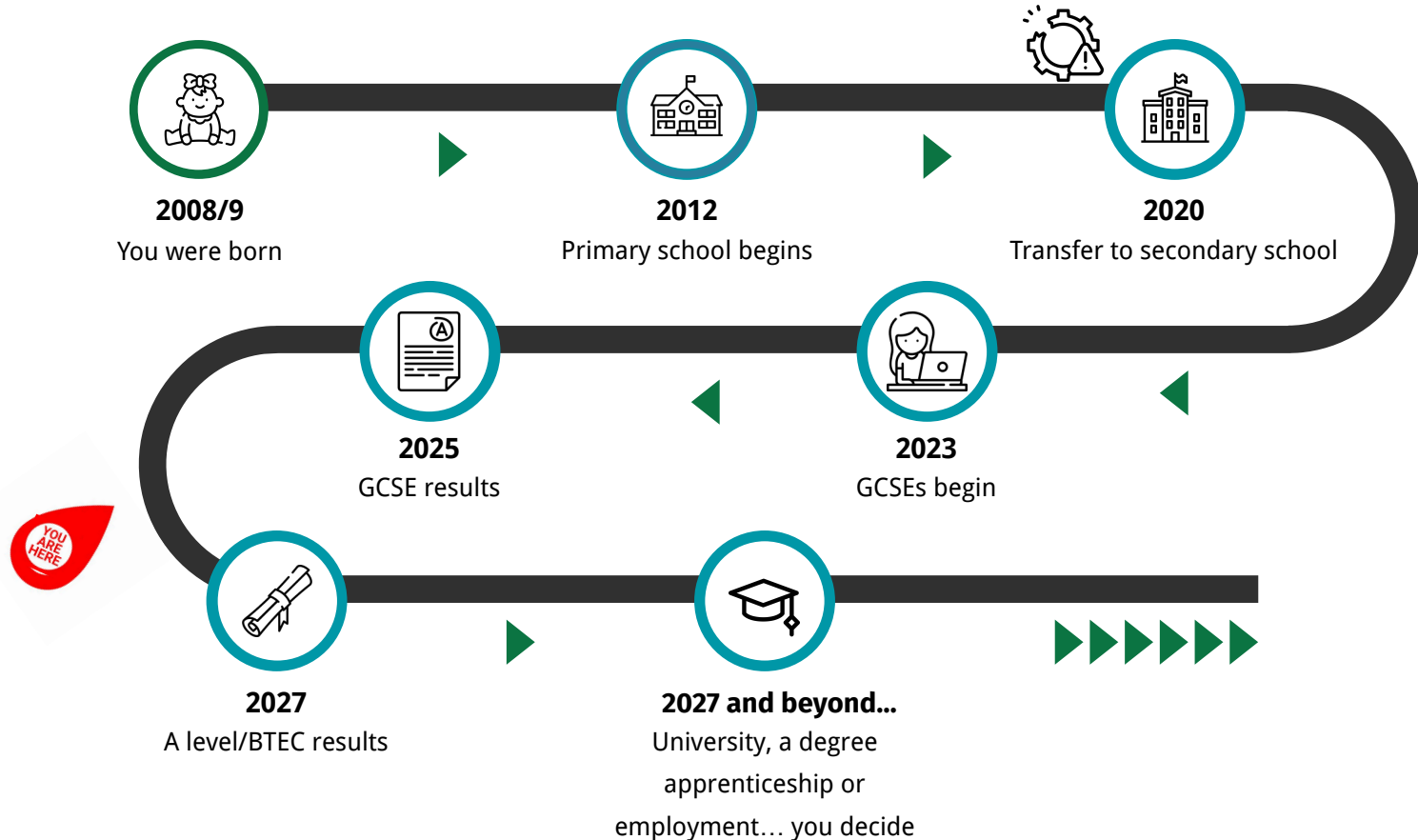
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Success in Year 13 Evening June 2026

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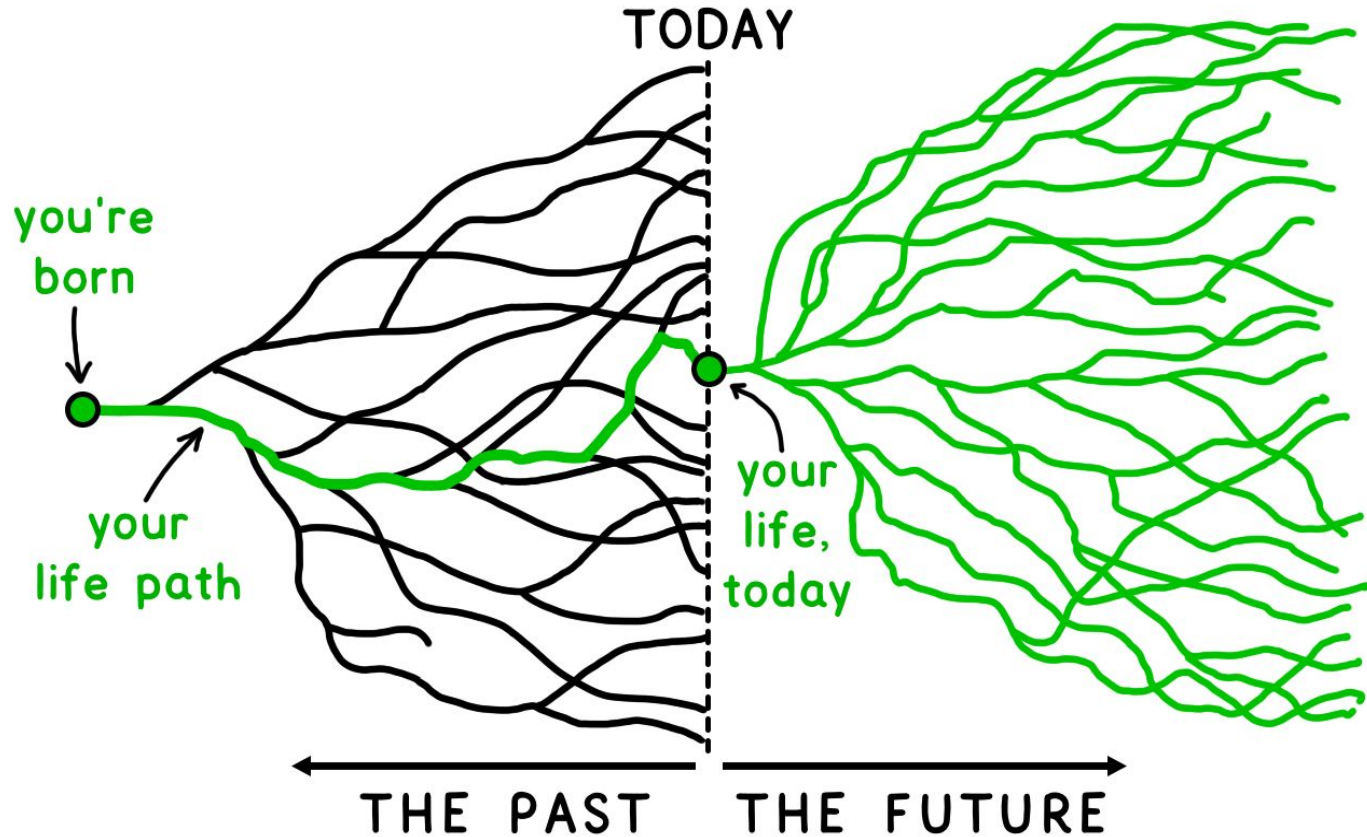
Mr Noble Deputy Headteacher

Your Educational Journey



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Mr Sills Head of Sixth Form

'The Sixth Form Mindset'

Reflections:

Your younger self - 1 year ago today

You at the end of Year 12

You at the age of 21



‘The Sixth Form Mindset’

VISION – knowing what you want to achieve

EFFORT – putting in many hours of proactive independent study

SYSTEMS – organising learning resources and managing time

PRACTICE – regular practise to develop skills

ATTITUDE – responding constructively to setbacks



Key tips for success

Attendance: Good attendance is 96+%. Poor attendance dramatically affects results.

- **We don't feel 100%, 100% of the time.**
- Unauthorised absence = attendance catch up.
- Attendance can affect job references down the line.

Starting early and having a plan: Students should regularly be revising their Year 12 and Year 13 content to ensure that it sticks in their long term memory.

Intervention: StudyPlus and StudySupport

We will be deciding who is having intervention in the next couple of weeks.

- **Study Plus:** Students must register with the Sixth Form Learning Mentor in the Sixth Form study room at the start of each 'free period'.
- **Study Support:** Students must register with the Sixth Form Learning Mentor in the Sixth Form study room at the start of five timetabled study support sessions.

Part-time work

- Students cannot carry out any paid work during the school day (between the hours of 8.30-4pm). We do not recommend that you work more than 8 hours per week in any part-time job.

16-19 Bursary

- Family income below £31,500 per year
- £150 per year for school essentials.
- If you are struggling financially and are over the threshold, please email Mr Sills

What are your options post-18?

Your options post-18:

1. University
2. Apprenticeship (higher or degree)
3. Employment
4. Gap year

Aspirational at our core

Summer 2025:

24% of the grades achieved were A*/A

78% of the grades achieved were C+

Average grade was B-

87% of the cohort are off to a University of their choice; including 13 to study law, 2 to study medicine and 2 to study aerospace engineering.

Metropolitan Police, Policing Apprenticeship

Heathrow Airport, Business Apprenticeship

Why university?

New analysis shows students who choose to learn more, earn more

Graduate employment outcomes

Analysis by Universities UK

- “Graduate earnings increase at a faster rate than those of non graduates”
- “Between the ages of 23 and 31 average earnings grow by 72% for graduates compared to 31% for non graduates.”
- “For those who were previously on Free School Meals average graduate earnings growth is 75% compared to 26% for non graduates.”
- “Graduates aged over thirty are more likely to be in work, and far less likely to be claiming benefits, than those without a degree.”

Why bother with university?

As costs soar and graduate prospects dim, the value of higher education can no longer be taken for granted

“...University forestalls the inevitable horror of having to enter the workplace. It’s a chance to flex some independent muscles and develop a personality that isn’t a clone of ma and pa. University is less about one’s field of study (unless you want to end up in academia) but learning how to navigate human behaviour, take initiatives and maybe finesse some basic meals”

Our students have gone on to study at



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL



University of
St Andrews



OXFORD
BROOKES
UNIVERSITY




University
of Brighton

MANCHESTER
1824
The University of Manchester



UNIVERSITY OF
BATH

UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE



University of
BRISTOL

UCAS jargon buster

UCAS
Early entry
Equal consideration
Extra
Clearing
Personal statement
Choices
Tariff points
Firm and insurance
Russell Group

Personal statement

Friday 22 May	Personal statement first draft due
Monday 15 June	Deadline to have received first draft tutor feedback
Friday 26 June	Second draft of personal statement due
Monday 13 July	Deadline to have received second draft tutor feedback
Friday 18 September	Final personal statement draft due

Predicted grades

- Staff will be making UCAS predictions by Monday 19th October.
- For early entry - these predictions will be slightly earlier.
- **Predicted grades are non-negotiable.**
- Predicted grades are based on evidence from:
 - Assessment grades (especially PPEs, and the start of Year 13)
 - Attendance/effort (Year 12 and 13)
- Students are not permitted to directly approach subject teachers in order to put pressure on them to predict them a specific grade.

Early entry UCAS deadlines

- 1st October (18:00) - Application deadline for conservatoire music applications. Applications for dance, drama, and musical theatre courses may have a different deadline – check conservatoires' websites for information.
- 15th October (18:00) - Deadline for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science

Equal consideration UCAS deadlines

- Friday 27 November 2026 - RHS deadline for students to submit application to UCAS
- 13 January 2027 - UCAS equal consideration deadline
- 25 February 2027 - UCAS Extra opens
- 30 June 2027 - Final deadline for applications with choices
- 2 July 2027 - Clearing opens

Course choices (you pick 5)

- ❑ 1 aspirational choice
- ❑ 2 in line with predictions
- ❑ 2 as a back up

You must wait for your predicted grades in October before finalising your university decisions.

Firm and insurance

Firm - your aspirational choice

Insurance - you would meet the offer if things didn't quite work out in your exams (a back up)

Student finance / LLE

The **lifelong learning entitlement (LLE)** will become the new student finance system to create a more simplified single funding system. It will replace:

- higher education (HE) student finance loans
- advanced learner loans for level 4, 5 and 6 qualifications

It is the government's intention that **from September 2026**, learners will be able to apply for LLE for courses that start in 2027.

[Link](#) to government website with more information about LLE

Student finance / LLE

From its launch, the LLE loan will be available for:

- full courses at level 4 to 6, such as degrees, technical qualifications, and designated distance-learning and online courses
- postgraduate level courses currently funded by the higher education student finance system, including:
- foundation years (as long as these form part of an overall bachelor's degree)
- modules of approved Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) at level 4 to 5

Under the LLE, eligible learners will be able to access:

- a tuition fee loan, with new learners able to access up to the full entitlement of £39,160 – equal to 4 years of study based on the maximum tuition fee currently
- a maintenance loan to cover living costs, for courses with in-person attendance
- Financial help will also be available for:
 - learners with disabilities, support with childcare, those needing travel grants

Why University?

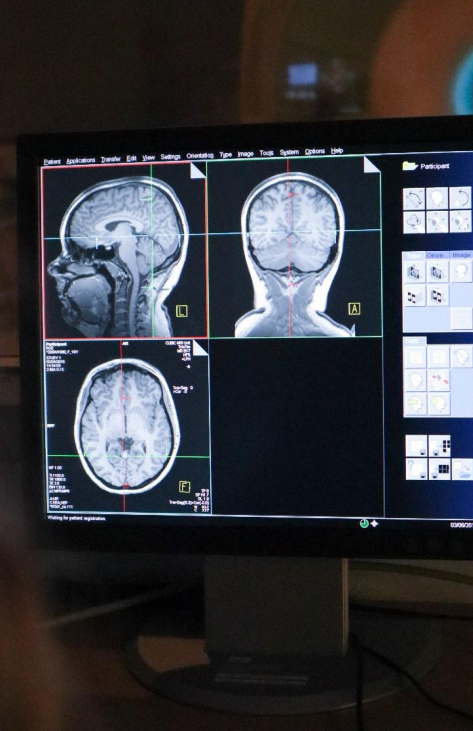
Claire Parkinson(she/her)
Schools and Colleges Liaison Officer



Gain subject knowledge

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Be taught by subject experts



Access state of the art facilities

Develop transferable skills



Accounting & Finance
Biological Science
Business & Management
Classics
Comparative Literature & Culture
Computer Science
Drama & Theatre
Earth Sciences
Economics
Electronic Engineering
English
Geography
Health Studies
History
Languages, Literature & Cultures
Law & Criminology
Liberal Arts
Mathematics
Media Arts
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Politics & International Relations
Psychology
Social Science



UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Lectures

Much bigger classes
Often delivered to the whole year group
Academic talks while students take notes
Often between 1 – 3 hours long



Seminars

Smaller classes (10 – 15 students)
Discussion based around certain topic
Student led discussion with academic input
Often between 1 – 2 hours long



Labs

Common teaching style for the Sciences
Takes place in a lab or in the field
Opportunity to get hands on with subject
Varied in length



ENGLISH



	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5
Monday					Inventing the novel Lecture	Inventing the novel Seminar		
Tuesday	Creative writing Lecture			Creative writing Seminar				
Wednesday								
Thursday								
Friday			Poetry Seminar					

GEOGRAPHY



	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5
Monday			Human Geography Lecture				Physical Geography Lecture	
Tuesday				Geography Techniques Lecture		Human Geography Seminar		
Wednesday								
Thursday				Geography Techniques Workshop				
Friday			Research and Methods Lecture		Research and Methods Seminar		Physical Geography Lecture	

BIOCHEMISTRY



	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5
Monday	Molecular Bioscience Labs Lecture		Molecular Bioscience Labs					
Tuesday	Molecular Bioscience Labs Lecture		Molecular Bioscience Labs					
Wednesday	Living Systems Lecture		Living Systems Labs					
Thursday					Living Systems Seminars			
Friday	Cell Biology Lecture				Cell Biology Labs			

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

121 drop in sessions

Peer mentor schemes

Department inductions

Academic person tutor

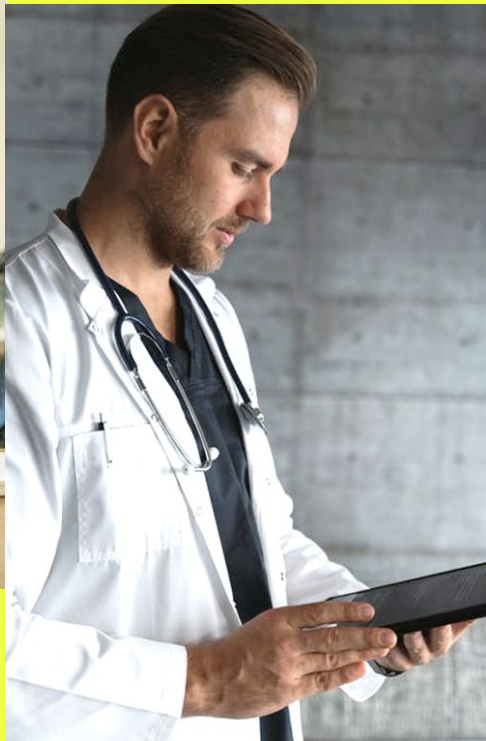
Lectures and workshops



PROFESSIONAL



Start a certain career path



Potentially earn more money



Get work experience

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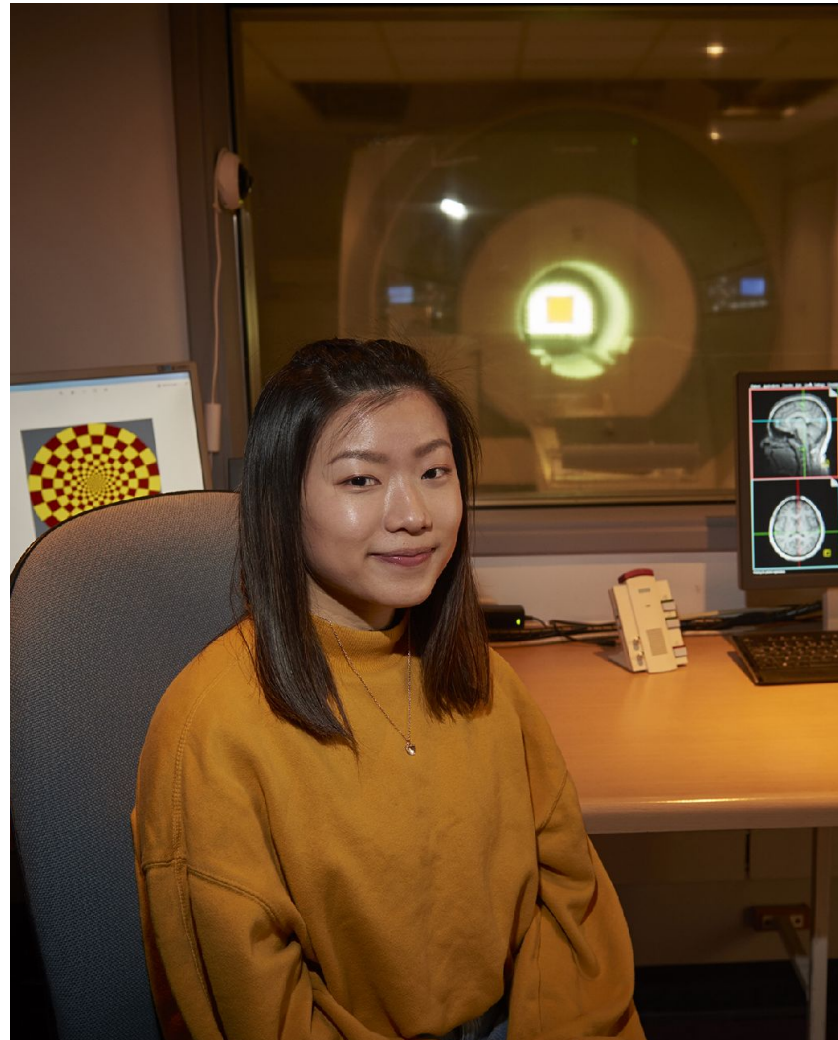
Become more employable

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Working with
Academic Experts

Access to
World-Leading
Facilities

Fieldwork





WORK EXPERIENCE

A Year in Industry

Summer Internships

Micro-Placements

YEAR ABROAD

The chance to study overseas for a year

80 global partners

Europe, Australia,
Canada & USA, Asia



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Not sure what you want to do?

Many fields will hire graduates with a degree in any subject.

Employers are looking to hire students with **transferable skills.**



TYPES OF SKILLS

Personal skills	Transferable skills	Knowledge based
Independence	Communication	Computer programming
Leadership	Teamwork	Playing a musical instrument
Integrity	Organisation	Driving
Patience	Numeracy	Playing a sport
Flexibility	Literacy	Chemical analysis
Compassion	Critical thinking	Speaking a language
Loyalty	Reflection	Graphic design tools
Resilience	Problem solving	First aid
Initiative	Computer literacy	Statistical analysis
Motivation	Attention to detail	Budgeting

CAREERS SUPPORT

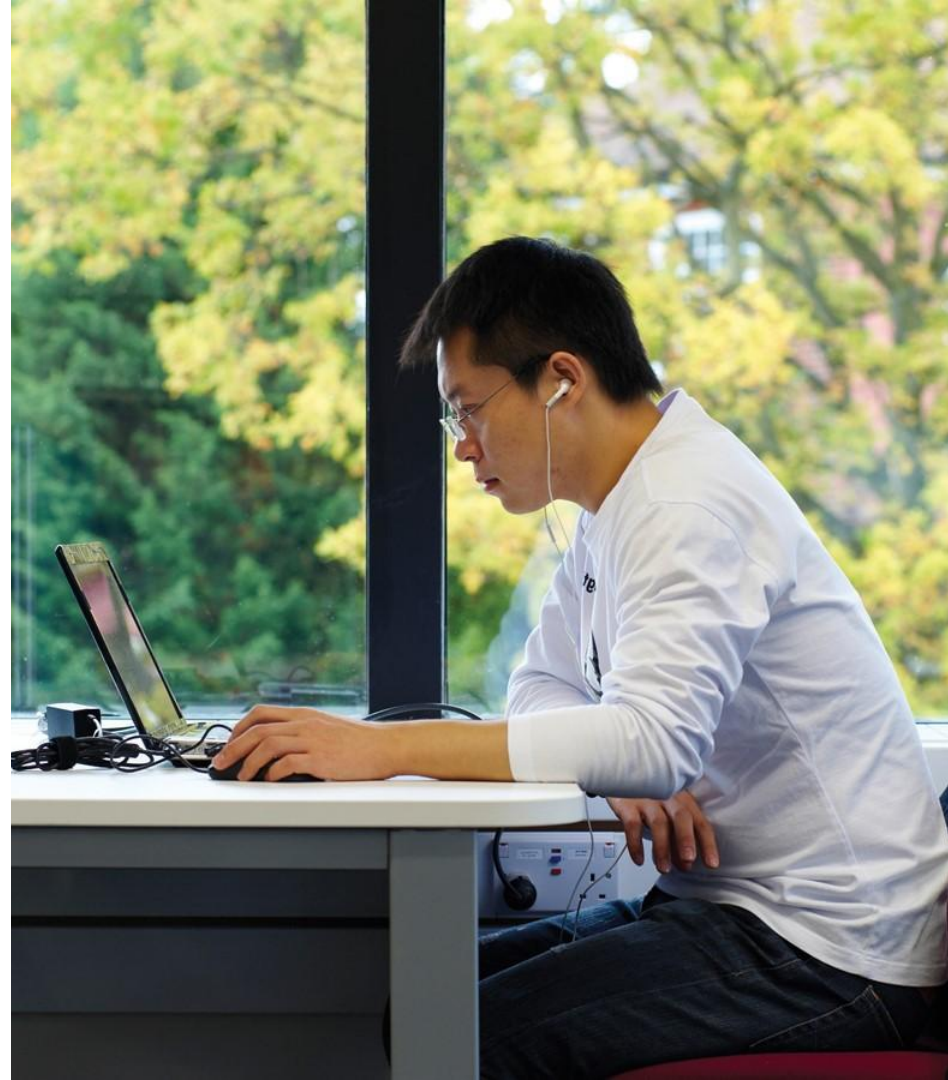
Careers workshops and fairs

121 careers appointments

Department networking events

Mentoring

Year in industry, placements, internships



PERSONAL

See new places



Take part in new experiences

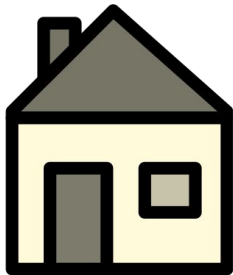


Gain independence

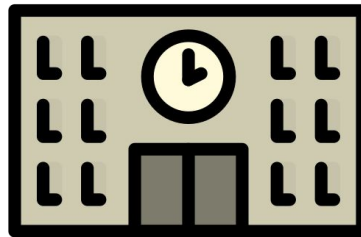
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Meet new people

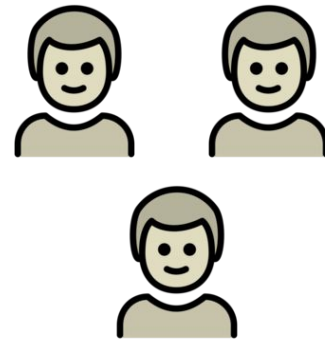
WHERE TO LIVE



At home



University
accommodation



Shared housing

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

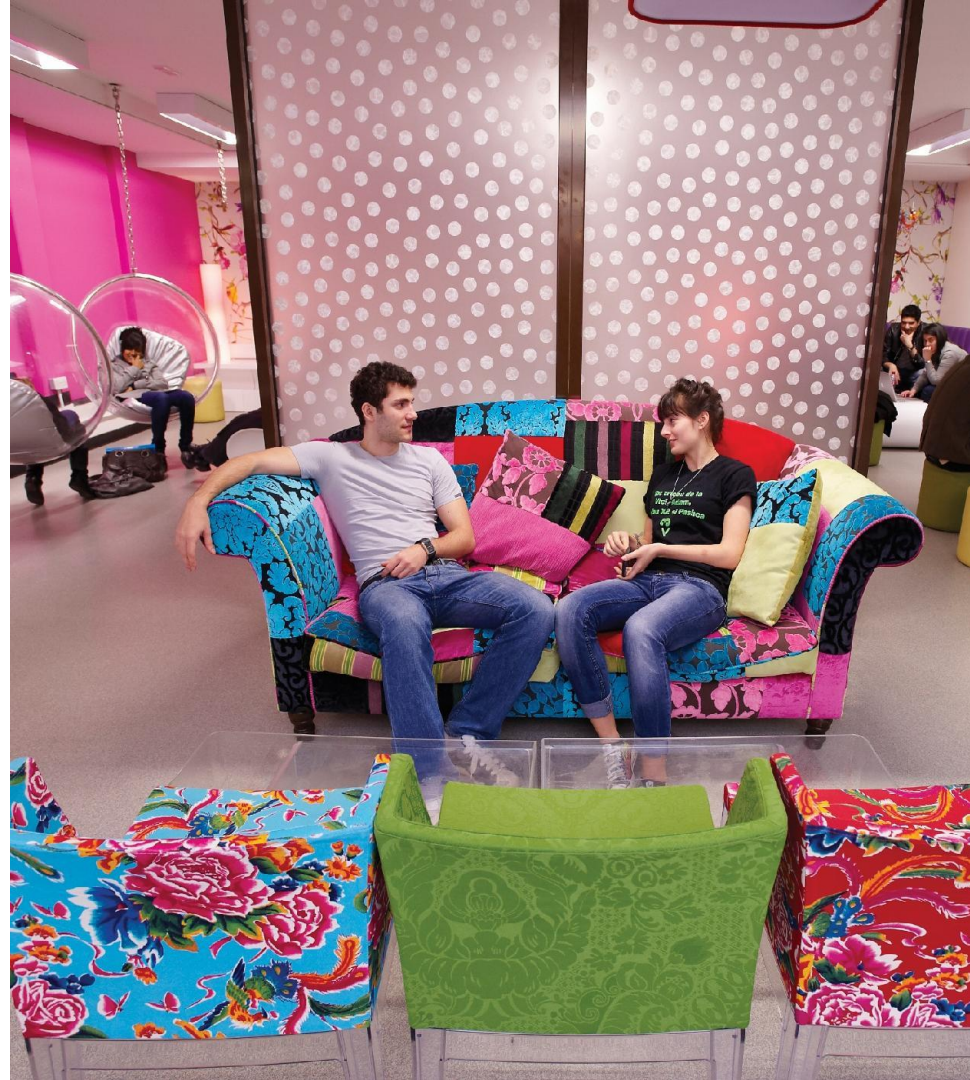
Freshers Festival

Societies and sports fairs

'Give it a Go' sessions

Department mixers

Housing Fairs



WELCOME WEEK

- Freshers / Welcome Week is the name of the first week at university before lessons start.
- Events are organised for first years by the Student Union and Halls of Residence
- It's a chance to start making friends and socialising!

Welcome BBQ

Pub quiz

Jazz Night

Desi Night

Freshers parties

Sunglasses Decorating

Commuting Students Mixer

Laser

Tag

Freshers Fairs

Sports events

Poster and Plant Sale

Food markets

STUDENT MEDIA



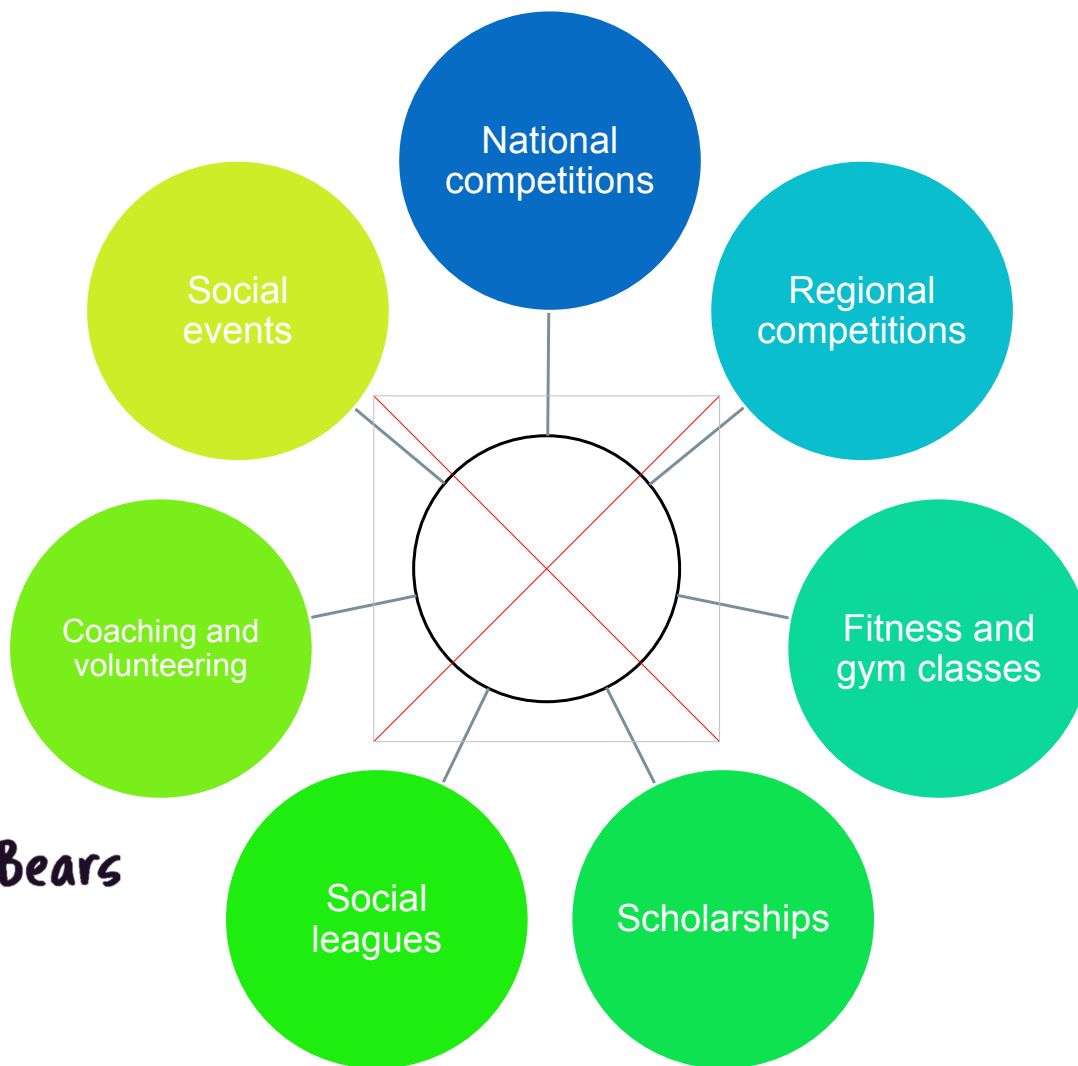
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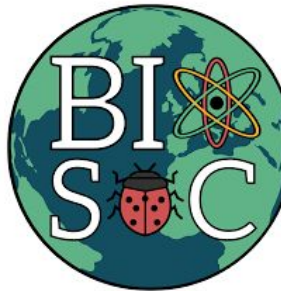


SPORTS



#ComeonyouBears

SOCIETIES



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HOLLOWAY
STUDENTS'
UNION**

Student groups based around:

- Academics
- Activity and hobbies
- Creative arts
- Cultures and faiths
- Politics and ideologies

These groups run social events, trips & fundraise.

Students can join as members or join the committee (e.g. as President, Treasurer, etc.).

Most universities also allow you to create your own group too.

STUDENT MEDIA



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DISABILITY SUPPORT

Assessment arrangements

Disabled students funds

Housing assistance

Early access to course content

Counselling and health support



PART TIME JOBS



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

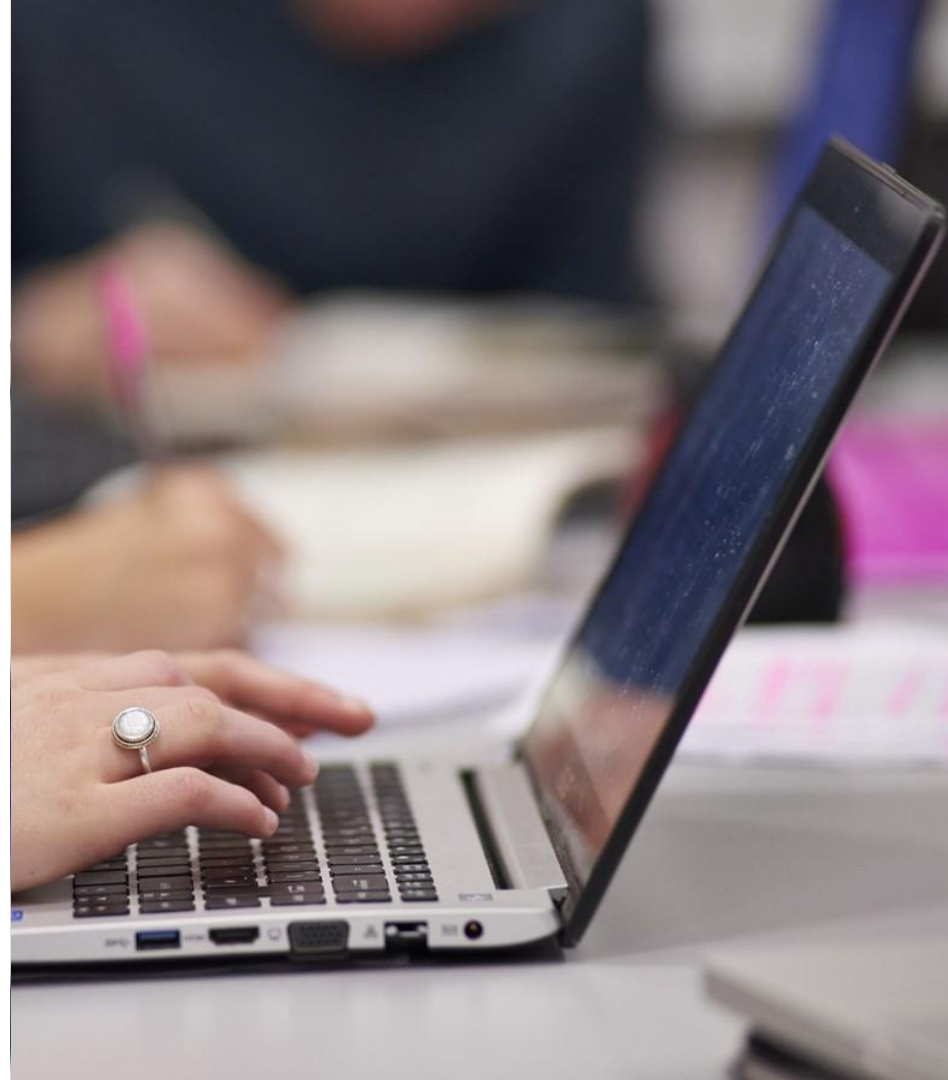
Student finance support

Budgeting advice

Hardship loans

Part time jobs fairs

Campus discounts



HOW DO I RESEARCH MY OPTIONS?





Prospectuses



Student reviews



Open days and taster talks



Online resources



C	ourse
O	ppportunity
L	ocation
L	eague tables
E	ntry requirements
G	ut
E	ducation style

IS UNIVERSITY RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Why do you want to continue with your studies?
- Is university the best option for your future career?
- What requirements do you need to meet?
- What courses and opportunities are available?



THANK YOU



Why an apprenticeship?

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- 2. Real experience of the world of work**
- 3. Degree Apprenticeships - you get a degree too!**
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“Young people under 19 account for just 21.2% of total apprenticeship starts across all levels, and an even smaller percentage when looking strictly at Level 4, 5, 6, and 7”

Apprenticeships jargon buster

**Degree Apprenticeship
Assessment Centre
Apprenticeship Standard
EPA (End-Point Assessment)
Off-the-Job Training**

Apprenticeship		Academic Equivalent
Level 2	Intermediate	5 GCSEs (grades 9–4 / A*–C)
Level 3	Advanced	2 A-Levels / T-Level / BTEC
Level 4 & 5	Higher	Higher National Diploma (HND) / Foundation Degree
Level 6 & 7	Degree	Bachelor's (L6) or Master's (L7) Degree

Our students have gone on to apprenticeships with...



J.P.Morgan



Find an apprenticeship

Use this service to search and apply for apprenticeships in England.

During an apprenticeship, you'll:

- work and get paid
- train and gain a qualification

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.amazingapprenticeships.com



Supporting you to make the right choices

- Tutor support (personal statements, post-18 advice)
- Learning mentors
- Unifrog/UCAS
- UCAS fair
- Careers fair
- University of Sussex trip
- Talk the Talk
- Interview practice
- Bespoke support programme for early entry applications
- Mock interviews with industry leaders for apprenticeships
- Parents, guardians, teachers, friends and family!

Do you have a problem?

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Yes

No

Can you do something about it?

Yes

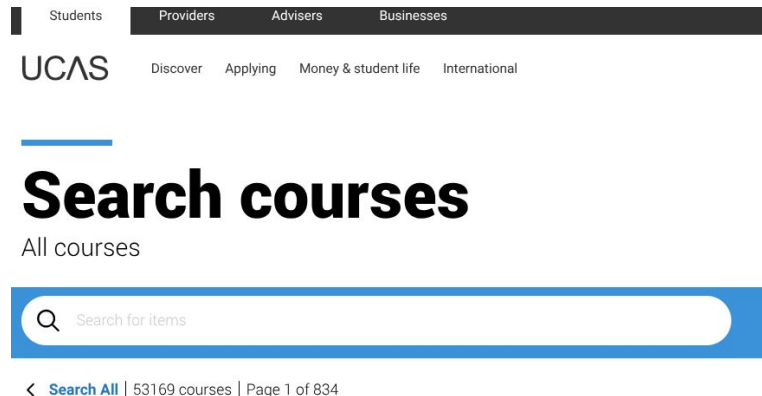
No

Great, no worries!

Mr Peacock (Head of Year 13 - September 2026)

- Huge respect for this year group
- Open door policy
- Post-18 applications
- Keeping good habits

What should you do over the summer?



‘VISION – knowing what you want to achieve’

Whatever your destination, we will do everything we can to get you there.

