

# Post-18 Information Evening

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**Virtual Oxbridge Information Evening**

**7pm Tuesday March - register [here](#)**

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# The aim of this evening is to...

- Inform you of possible Post-18 options after TBSHS
- Outline the support we will provide and important dates and deadlines
- Provide you with information to assist you in making the correct choice and effectively follow your chosen pathway
- Help parents support their son/daughter
- Key resources - [Post-18 Guide 2023](#) & [Post-18 Workbook](#)  
(Slides and guides will be emailed)

# Where are we now?

- Unifrog Introduction: **14 December**
- Information Evening: **tonight**
- CV tutorials: **27 Feb and 13 March**
- UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair – Tottenham Stadium – **Friday 3 March**
- Oxbridge Information Evening: **7 March (7pm online – students to register via [link](#)**
- Post-18 preparation tutorials 1 and 2: **6 and 20 March**
- Student Life/Apprenticeship/Gap Year Sessions: **TBA - look online**
- Business Professional Interviews – **Friday 21 April**
- Application Workshops and Apply Education: **25 April and 6 June**
- **Post-18 Gateway Exams – 12 – 16 June**
- **Year 12 Work Experience – 19 – 23 June**
- All Open Days/visits completed: **Summer term**
- Personal Statements/CVs completed: **29 September**
- Final applications sent off: **20 October (Oxbridge, Medical, Vet, Dentistry 16 Oct)**

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# Friday 3 March: UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair

## Tottenham Stadium

### **A few reminders!**

- Don't forget to register for ticket:

[Yr12 Convention Student Registration Instructions.pdf](#)

- Print out so you have it on your phone. Full details of this here:

[2023 Yr12 Post-18 Convention Letter.pdf](#)

- Meet 8.30am in Main Hall (do not go to am form reg).
- Avoid taking bags unless absolutely necessary as bag search will be in operation; fewer bags will aid speed of entry.
- Stadium is cashless – card/phone payment needed for any refreshments
- School uniform as back to lessons after lunch

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# Year 12 Work Experience Week

- Vitally important in developing key transferable skills
- Think outside the box and be open to ideas
- All experience valuable even if not directly-related to your main interests
- **BE PROACTIVE**
  - Knock on doors and pop into local businesses/shops/schools with your CV
  - School reputation and Mrs Jonas's name go a long way
  - Identify places via internet search and the school weekly career news
  - Attend in-school career workshops to network
  - Mrs Jonas does not have a bank of placements to allocate but can give quick pointers
- **Deadline for all completed paperwork to Mrs Jonas is 2 May**

# What are your options?



University

Vocational  
Qualifications



HNC & HND  
HIGHER STUDIES

Choose from 6 brilliant  
apprenticeships



Apprenticeships

Gap Year



Work



NEET is not an option!

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# **MAKING THE BEST CHOICE**

# Why University?

- **A sound investment:**
  - Median starting salary for graduates: £36,000pa
  - Gain in average net lifetime earnings of around 20%
  - Graduate Premium £130,000 (male), £100,000 (female) on average over lifetime (after tax, student loan repayments – avg debt £45,000)
  - BUT not all degrees equal – subject/university matter
  - On average, 1 in 5 would have been better off by not going to uni
- **Covid Effects?**
  - 12% drop in graduate recruitment by Top 100 Employers in 2020 but increased in 2021 of 9.4%
  - Set to increase intake by further 15.7% in 2022
  - All 15 key sectors looking to increase – vacancies now 11% higher than pre-pandemic peak



# Why University?

- **Gain depth of understanding** and develop critical and analytical skills in your chosen area
- **Build independence**
- **Build a network**
- **An enjoyable experience**

# What if university might not be for me?

- University is not the right choice for everyone. We offer tailored Post-18 provision for every student
- **Unifrog** Apprenticeship Search tool, Careers Library
- Internet resources: [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk) and others in [Post-18 Guide 2023](#)
- [Post-18 Workbook](#) – structured activities to help develop vision and understand options
- The most important thing is to **keep your options and thought processes open**
- Don't close any doors yet
- Make a university application **and** explore other options

# For those unsure about next steps..

- **PHSE programme** includes sessions such as:
  - Practical advice on finding a job
  - CV Writing and Interviews
  - Finding an apprenticeship
  - Work Experience week
- **Careers Workshops, individual interviews (“Next Steps”) & drop-in sessions** with school careers adviser, Mrs Jonas
- **Software tools** – **Unifrog** plus links in Post-18 Guide
- **Careers News (weekly Newsletter) and regular Post-18 Bulletins** highlight other options

# Vocational Qualifications, Gap Year, Work

# Vocational Qualifications

- **HNCs (Higher National Certificates) and HNDs (Higher National Diplomas)** are work-related (vocational) higher education qualifications
- Designed to give you the skills to put knowledge to effective use in a particular job
- Provided by over 400 universities and further education colleges
- Check prospectuses of Hertfordshire and Cambridge Regional Colleges, Harlow College, Writtle College

# Gap Year

- **Well planned, structured and productive: could be a good option**
- Employers will not look favourably on a poorly organised gap year with no focus or benefit to your development – do something meaningful
- Volunteer to help others and put your skills to the test, maybe discover a different culture and learn a new language
- Gain relevant experiences in the area you wish to study/work
  - e.g. Investment20/20 12 month traineeships
- Mature and clarify your thinking for the future

# Straight into work?

- **Positives:**
  - Earn money and gain work-related skills
- **Things to think about:**
  - Is it going to challenge/develop you?
  - Are you gaining any further qualifications?
  - What prospects are there for you in the future – will you still be doing the same job?
  - If competing for a job, will a more qualified or less qualified person be employed?

# Apprenticeships

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# Apprenticeships

- **Work for a company**, gain job specific experience, skills and a wage
- **Spend some time at a university/college** completing various courses
- **Major government policy**
  - Apprenticeship Levy
- Usually funded by the company and government
- **Excellent retention rates**, progression and promotion
- **No Student Debt** – “Learn as you Earn”
- **Apprenticeship Premium** - £150K over lifetime

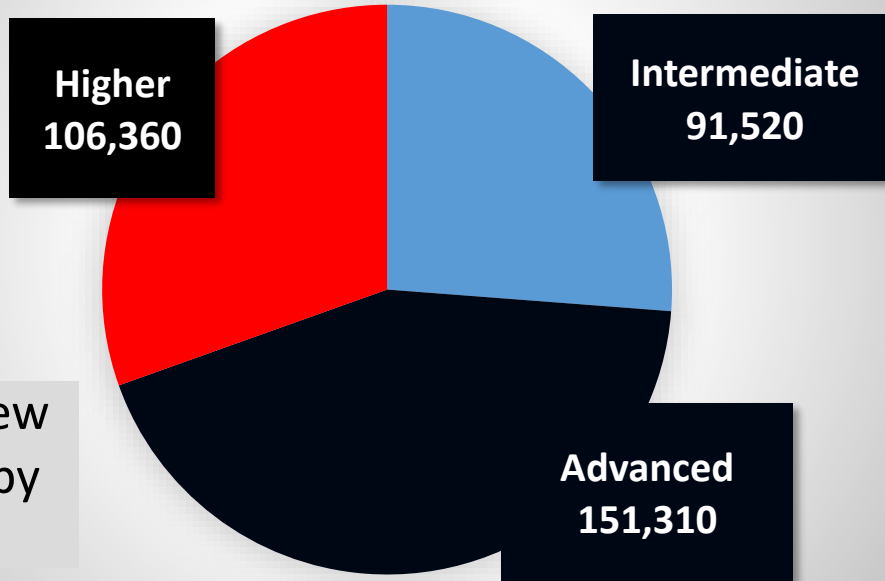
# Types of Apprenticeships

	Type	Typical Entry Standards	Leads to Equivalent of
Level 2	<b>Intermediate</b>	-	5 GCSEs
Level 3	<b>Advanced</b>	5 GCSEs	2 A-Levels
Level 4 & 5	<b>Higher</b>	A-Levels/NVQ Level 3	HNC/Foundation Degree/HND
Level 6	<b>Degree</b>	3+ A-Levels	Bachelor's Degree
Level 7	<b>Masters</b>	Bachelor's Degree*	Master's Degree

*\* some of the latest Level 7 apprenticeship standards are aimed at Sixth Form school-leavers, rather than recent graduates*

- Generally aim for Higher or Degree Level
  - Require a level 3 education qualification (A levels or BTEC)
- Starting salaries at least £18K
- Use Advanced as a stepping stone

## Apprenticeship Starts 2021/22

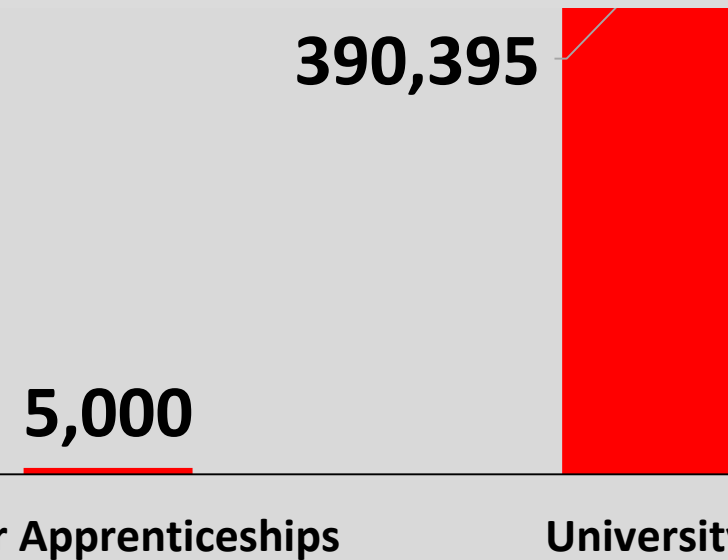


Nos. New Starts by level

- Only 30% of all new starts at Higher/degree (same % as in previous year)
- <7% of these involved under 19s
- <1.5% of the number of 18 year olds starting uni
- Could still be less competitive than applying for graduate scheme

## The Problem

18 Year Olds Post-18 Routes in 2021/22



# Applications - Timelines

- **Unlike university – no centralised system, no set timelines**
  - Major companies open in Autumn 2023
  - Others not until Spring or Summer Term 2024
- **Need to be proactive -**
  - Register for alerts at [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship) and direct with companies
  - Find relevant work experience
  - Attend Insight/networking events
  - Research – Unifrog tool, see Post-18 Booklet, Workbook, Notices, Bulletins

# Selection Processes

Selection will include all or some of the following:

- **Cover Letter/CV**
- **On-line Application Form** – competency based questions
- **On-line tests** – verbal/non-verbal reasoning, numeric, situational, judgement
- **Interview** (face-to-face/telephone/video)
- **Assessment Centre**
- **Final Interview**

**WANT TO GO TO  
UNIVERSITY?**

# Types of Degree

## **HONOURS DEGREE**

- usually last 3 or 4 years but could be longer e.g. Medicine, Architecture (BA, BSc)
- Additional year to make a Masters
- Further study for Doctorate (PhD)

## **HND or FOUNDATION DEGREE**

- usually last two years but can often be converted into an Honours degree

## **SPECIALIST QUALIFICATIONS**

- Beng (Engineering), Bed (education), LLB (Law), MB or BMB (Medicine)

# Choosing a degree

- Will you enjoy it?
- Content?
- Structure?
- Assessment?
- Career plans?
  - NB: More than 50% of graduate jobs do not specify a particular degree
- Do you get the 'hands on' job-related experience? (Placement years/sandwich degrees/work experience)

**Be careful: courses with same title may cover different things**



# Entry Requirements

- What grades do you need? **Be realistic!**
- What qualifications?
- Are certain combinations of qualifications recognised?
- **Unifrog University tool** as first port of call

# Choosing an Institution

- What is the quality of teaching like?
- What facilities do they have?
- What type of University is it?
- What accommodation is available?
- What careers advice do they provide?
- **Go and visit! (even if virtual)**

# Other Considerations

# Student Finance - is university too expensive?

- **Tuition Loans** - Up to £9,250 pa tuition fees
- **Maintenance Loans** - £4,524 minimum rising to £9,076 (out of London, away from home, household income under £25K)
- **Loan Repayment** - 9% of amount above £25,000 - *reduced from £27,295 a year* (£2,083 a month/£481 a week)
- If earning £30,000, monthly repayment is £37.50 (*was £20*)
- The monthly repayment is not linked to the size of the debt
- Written off after 40 years – *was 30 years*
- Scholarships, bursaries and grants available

# Role of Parent/Carers

- Be **interested and open** to their ideas
- Share your **advice and experience** (but is it up-to-date?)
- **Support them** with open days, work experience, taster events
- OPEN DAYS – you can provide
  - **Transport**
  - **Another perspective**
  - **Help with booking** (well in advance!)
    - Summer Term – we will authorise up to 4 days
    - **Not allowed in Autumn Term** - unless exceptional circumstances

# Role of the Personal Statement/CV

- Why have you chosen the subject/job sector?
- Why do you care about the subject/job sector?
- **What have you read?** What did you learn from what you read?
- **What have you done?** What did you learn / gain from the experience?
- What are the **SKILLS that you have** to make you an effective student in this subject?
- Record **Activities** and **Skills** in Unifrog

# References and UCAS Predictions

- Tutors write references, citing the information provided by subject teachers
- Predictions are best possible – based on Post-18 Gateway Examinations
- School will also be asked to provide predicted grades for any job/apprenticeship

**The first step does not commit you to a  
one way path**

**Work hard  
no matter which route you take**

**You cannot hide your results or predictions if you are  
going to university, applying for an apprenticeship or a job**