

Post-18 Information Presentation

10th June 2025



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WELCOME

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What do you need to
know?



Where are the students now?

UCAS visit (October)

University visit (UWE - October / Exeter - RO / SMHC - September)

Next Steps SW talks (throughout the year)

Tutor time research (every morning)

References (to be completed by Summer break)

Personal Statements (NSSW workshop 11/6/25 - to be started before Summer break)

Extra accreditation

- EPQ / DofE / MOOCs

Extra c.v. evidence

- Volunteering / WEX



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What are the different routes?

Employment

Apprenticeship

University

Gap Year with a university offer

Higher / Degree apprenticeship



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Employment

What makes you stand out?

Have you got a c.v.?

What are your transferable skills?

Do you have a field of interest?



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Apprenticeships (including Armed Forces)

Apprenticeship talk has been organised for early September

Be prepared to step back a level to pick up skills

Apply / enquire asap - [Government website](#)



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University

Students will need to complete an application on UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admission Service). (every student is signing up this week)

What are contextual offers?

What university is best for you?

- Campus / city / home

Which is the best university for the course? [University guide](#)

Choose an aspirational degree and at least one realistic choice

Interview with Head of Sixth before choices are finalised



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University - Medics / Oxbridge

Application through UCAS with an internal deadline of:

UCAS deadline (internal): **15th October**

UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) must be completed by 20th September. The test will be sat at the Pearson regional office, Princess House in the city centre.

Oxbridge - depends on course and university - research specific courses



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Student Finance

Student tax

Earning power is increased

Best rate you'll ever receive!

Only pay back when you reach a threshold

Parental help might be needed



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Degree Apprenticeships

Universities are starting to offer these through UCAS

Many degree apprenticeships will be offered to employees only

Research - gov.uk offer list of current degree apprenticeships

[Degree Apprenticeship information](#)



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Gap Year

Not a year off!

Apply now for 2026 entry so there is a clear end goal to the gap year.

Ensure the gap year has a focus / a purpose

- Volunteering opportunities
- Paid employment in the field you wish to pursue
- Planned travel



My advice for the students over the next 10 months

Concentrate on your studies.

Paid employment should not affect your studies.

Driving lessons must be booked outside of college day

Use your independent / supervised studies wisely

Plan your revision time outside of college day

Mocks x 2

Expand your c.v.



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My advice for parents over the next 10 months

Work together to form a revision plan

Keep an open mind for what they want to do

Ask the college for advice

Attend university open days

Help with contacting employers



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Timeline

Employment / apprenticeships don't have a specific timeline

1st October - Internal deadline Medicine/Oxbridge

15th October - UCAS deadline Medicine/Oxbridge

28th November - Internal deadline UCAS

Rationale - early offers / chance to focus

14th January - UCAS deadline

[Scott College Parental booklet 'preparing for next steps'](#)

[Stoke Parental Booklet 'preparing for next steps'](#)



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