

Welcome back Year 12 and 13!!!

It's great to see you back! Have a fantastic year and try to make the most of opportunities that are given to you



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Sixth Form Bulletin

Monday 12th – Friday 16th September



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It's
week



Year 12 - Trip

Reminder you need to pay your £10 asap for the induction trip on Friday 16th September.

This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the year group and your teachers



Year 12 – Subject swap

Don't forget the last chance you have to change your options is:

28th September

After this you will not be allowed to change.

Click this link for the form you need to fill in to swap

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Vm9JDaudrkCK59hVTFC42XqcK5R2E85PhgNNyMy8vYIUNURVVENMNkZaTURWNINHNEZDUjdSOEw0WSQIQCN0PWcu>



Year 12 – Subject swap

You **MUST** attend the lessons for your current timetable until it has been confirmed a swap can take place.

If you want to swap more than one subject you must go to speak to Mrs Brooksby or Mrs Lenski



Year 12 & 13 – What is independent reading?

Keeping up to date with the news. There are always developments in every subject that are written about in the media

Reading subject specific magazines (these can be accessed by the Library teams page)

Reading books by key authors (you can visit the library and speak to your teachers)

Using the Beyond A level – independent reading (and other activities in your year teams files)



Year 12 & 13 Notifying school of planned absence

From lambs in the spring to berries in the autumn, **everything has its season**. University visits, open days, work experience and the like are no different...

If you have booked any upcoming open days, work placements or taster days during school time, please forward the confirmation email to Mrs Lenski and she will add the relevant code to the register.

School should be informed **as soon as possible and at least a week before the absence where possible.**

This also applies for work experience and interviews.

If there are any issues with you taking the time off, Mrs Lenski will discuss with you.



Year 13 – Pre-university tests

A reminder to apply for pre-university tests

<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/students/examinations/pre-university-testing/>

The school offers the chance to sit them at school. Visit the website for more information.

It is your responsibility to apply and pay.



Year 13 - UCAS

Reminder:

You should have written and uploaded your personal statement onto Uniforg by now, even if you are not currently planning to attend university.

Deadline for early entry 15th October

Deadline for all other courses 25th January



Year 13

Mr Mullaney will contact some of you this week regarding private study.

We want you to have the best start possible to help you reach your potential



Year 13 – Personal Statements

Should really have been completed by now

The deadline has been extended until **25th September** (this does not apply to early entry students)

This is **YOUR** responsibility



Year 13 Application Support

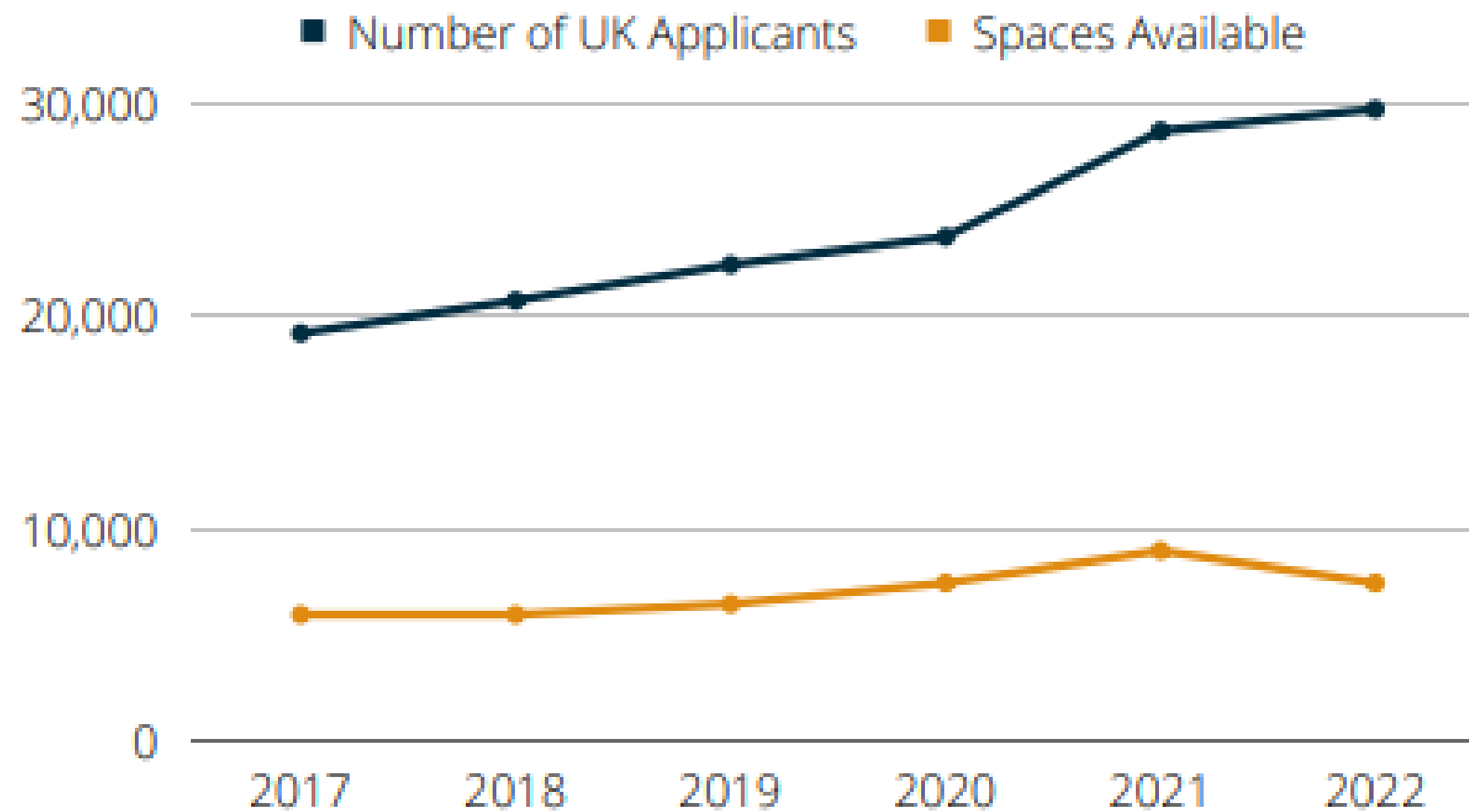
Come to C016 for support with UCAS applications and Apprenticeships applications

Wednesday week A period 5

Friday week A & B period 3



In the spotlight - Medicine

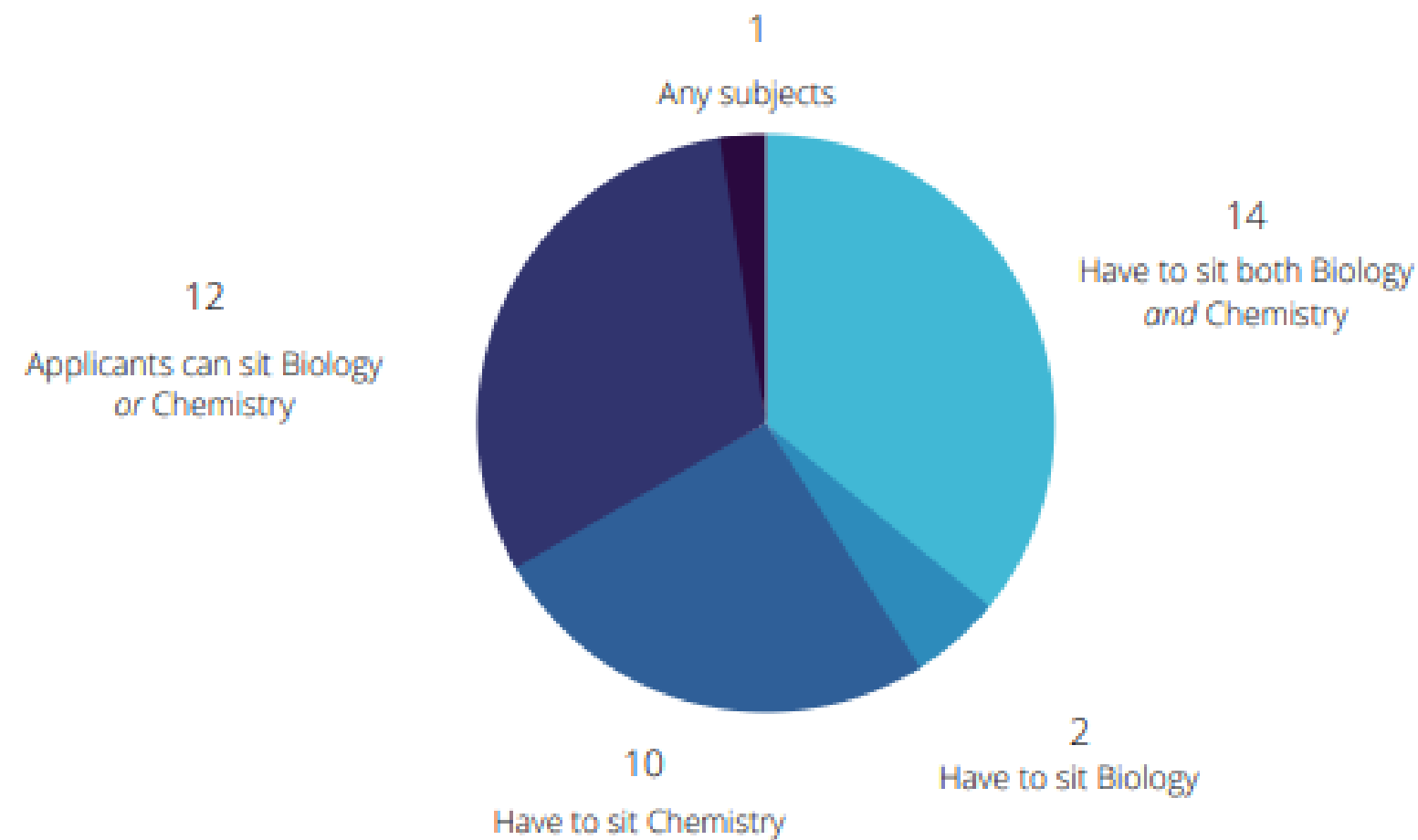


The number of spaces compared to applicants

It is a **HIGHLY** competitive degree over 30,000 applications for about 8,000 places



In the spotlight - Medicine



The subjects you need to sit according to universities who offer Medicine.

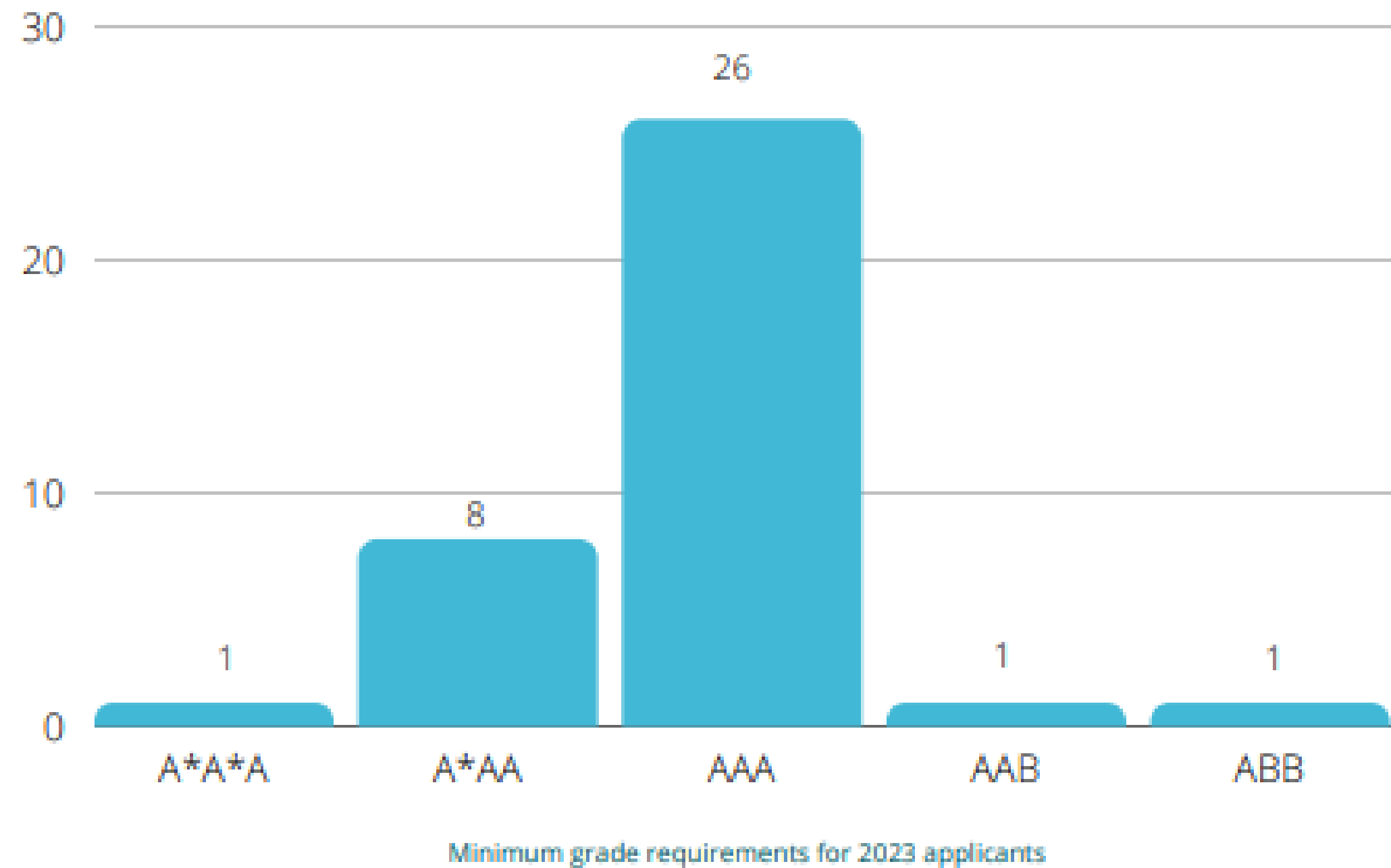
14 universities want you to have both Biology AND Chemistry
12 want either



In the spotlight - Medicine

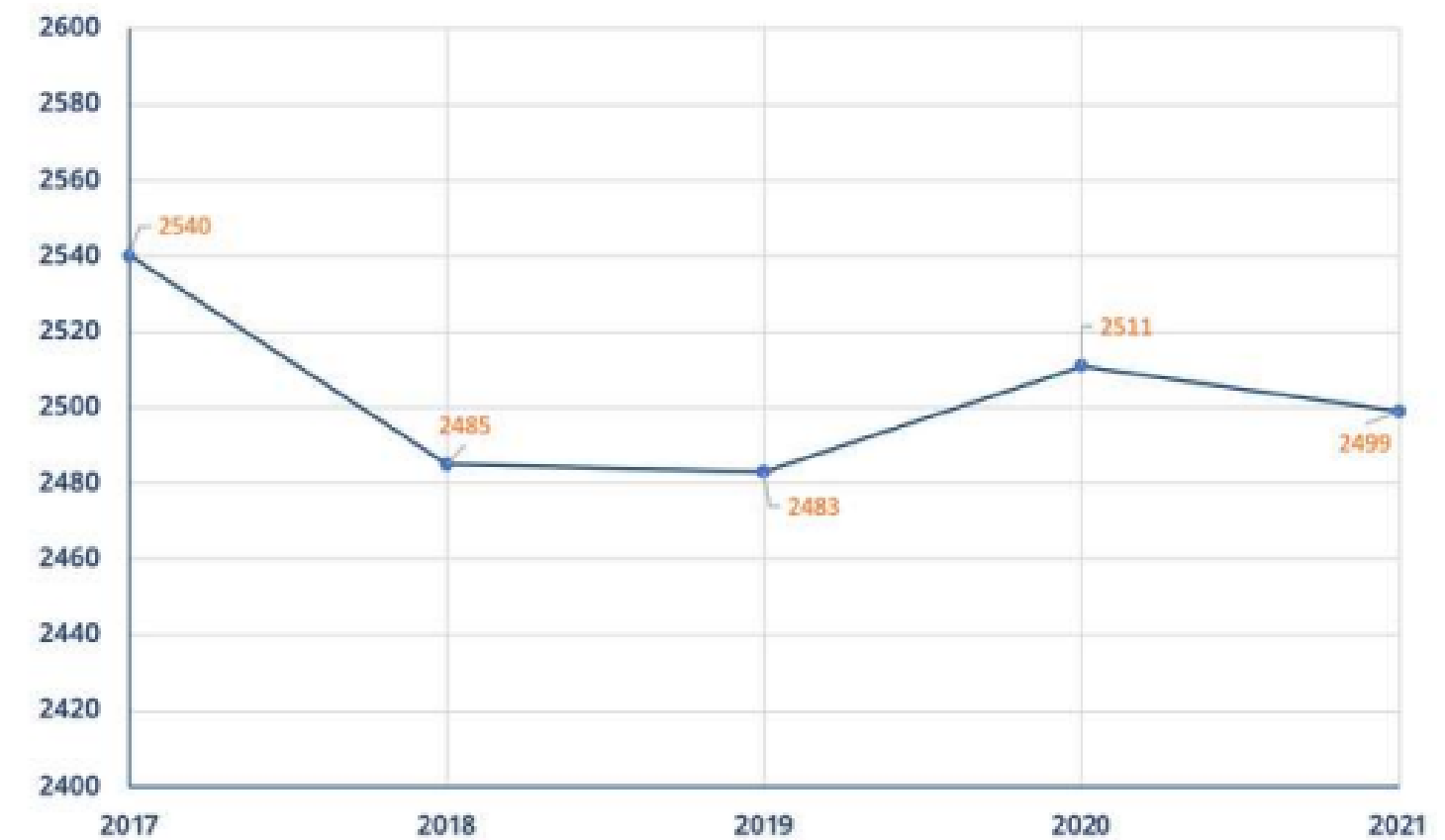
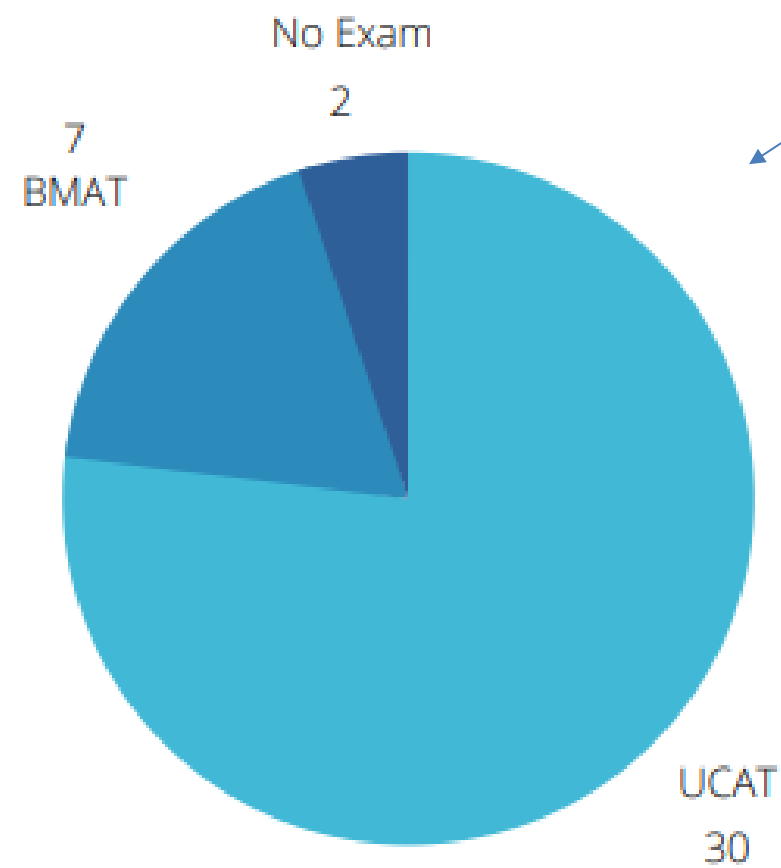
The grades you need

Most universities expect you to get 3 A's



In the spotlight - Medicine

The pre-university tests you need to sit **MOST** want UCAT



The average total UCAT score of candidates who sat the UCAT, in the UK, from 2017-2021

Good score in UCAT (for those sitting in 2022)



Clubs and Societies



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TRUE CRIME CLUB

Who? Sixth-formers - you don't have to be studying social sciences to go!

When? Thursday Lunchtime

Where? C012

Why? Good enrichment activity for Uni, while also giving a fun and interesting look into criminology!

Any questions? Email:

21hberry@heckgrammar.co.uk

21bwhartonhamilton@heckgrammar.co.uk

who was?

World Book Club



**EVERY WEDNESDAY! WE'D
LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

3:15 to 4:15 In A105

This week we are reading:

The Cat Who Saved Books

by Sōsuke Natsukawa

If you're interested, please speak to
Anisa Qais, Haadi Hassan or Yusuf Ali
or just come along!

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University opportunities



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UCAT Bursary support

UCAT bursary applications are now open for your year 13 students. This bursary allows eligible students to sit the UCAT exam for free.

Year 13/S5 students can apply below:

<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/bursary-application/>

To be eligible, students need to meet one of the following criteria:

- Free School Meals
- 16 to 19 Bursary (England), or EMA (Scotland, Wales or NI)
- HE Student Finance means-tested maintenance award.
- Universal Credit
- Working or Child Tax Credit
- Income Support, or Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA), or
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Asylum Support

Full criteria can be found [here](#)



Article – How to get the most out of an open day

<https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/student-experience/explore/preparing-for-university/how-to-get-most-out-of-open-day/>

Visit their website to book an open day with them if you are interested



Interested in Healthcare?

This month we have work experience for medicine & nursing running online every Monday evening in September.

A free course for all students aged 14-19 interested in healthcare.

Perfect for all students aged 14-19 interested in Biology, Science, healthcare and of course those considering careers in medicine.

Students can **join our doctors live** and online every Monday at 7.30pm in September as they go through real life patient cases from symptoms, diagnosis and treatment. Students that cannot attend live will have access to the recordings to watch whenever they have time.

All of our doctors work in busy NHS hospitals in England so this is a unique opportunity to learn more about healthcare and gain some fantastic material to use in med school applications and to talk about at interview as verified work experience.

Students just need to visit www.premedprojects.co.uk/free-wp where they will be able to sign up for the course.



Cambridge interview workshops (slide 1)

These Interview Workshop sessions are for students who are likely to apply to Cambridge this year, and would like to find out more about the interviews. The sessions themselves will be delivered by academics from across the university and will be interactive. They aim to provide attendees with a better idea of what to expect in an interview, and how they can best prepare.

The events will all take place from 17:00-18:00 on the following dates. There will also be a general interviews overview session at the same time on Tuesday 13th September. Click to attend

<https://tinyurl.com/interviewswebinars2022>



Cambridge interview workshops (slide 2)

Click to attend

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Date	Sessions
Wednesday 21 st September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Architecture; History of Art
Thursday 22 nd September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer Science• Law• Psychological and Behavioural Science
Friday 23 rd September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Archaeology; Classics• Maths
Monday 26 th September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology; Natural Sciences – Biological• Human, Social and Political Sciences• Economics
Tuesday 27 th September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics; Natural Sciences – Physical• Philosophy• Theology
Wednesday 28 th September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• History; History and Modern Languages; History and Politics• Medicine; Veterinary Medicine
Thursday 29 th September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engineering; Chemical Engineering• Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic; Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; Linguistics• Modern and Medieval Languages
Friday 30 th September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry; Natural Sciences – Biological or Physical• Geography; Land Economy• Music



Year 12 – Get into medicine

FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get into Medicine Conference on:

- Sunday 18th September 10am - 3pm
- Sunday 25th September 10am - 3pm
- Saturday 1st October 10am - 3pm

Once students have attended, you will be awarded with a certificate from the Presidents at Medic Mentor to acknowledge that they are a student who has gone one step further than others.

The Get into Medicine conference is a significant turning point for Medic Mentor students. It will unlock exclusive opportunities such as scholarships and prizes, as well as help them to make a highly competitive application.

Students can register using this link: <https://airtable.com/shr66li3bqG3ZpkPM>



Apprenticeship opportunities

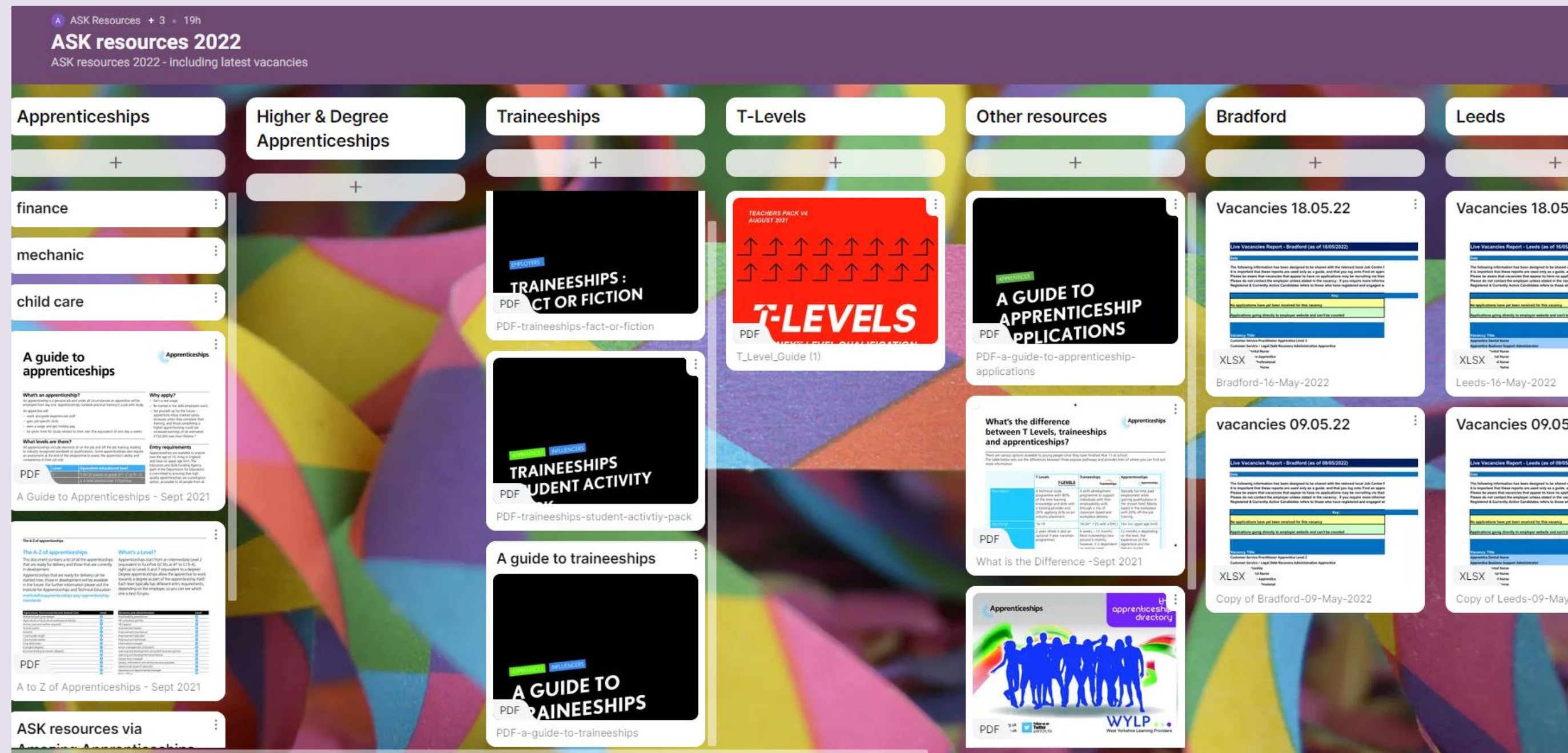


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Live apprenticeship opportunities

Check out [ASK's new padlet](#) to find EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES in apprenticeships.



Interested in apprenticeships?

We have been in contact with some employers and Barratt Developments PLC (Homebuilders) are currently recruiting for apprentices at a range of levels: Intermediate and Advanced Apprenticeships for students with GCSEs and also Higher and Degree Apprenticeships for students with A-levels: <https://www.barrattcareers.co.uk/early-careers/higher-degree-apprentices>

RSM also have a range of apprenticeship opportunities open now for applications in Finance and Business related roles in Leeds: <https://www.rsmuk.com/careers/students/school-leaver-apprenticeship>

If anyone wants help applying for apprenticeships, or to learn more about how to apply or where to look for vacancies please contact the careers team at careersteachers@heckgrammar.co.uk and we can book you an appointment or you can come to the lunchtime drop in 12.45pm-1.15pm



Volunteering and work experience



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Organisations
offering
volunteering
opportunities

Kirklees Volunteering (Wide range of roles)

<https://tslkirklees.org.uk/volunteering-home/>

Locala Volunteering (Health and Well-being)

<https://www.locala.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering>

Royal Voluntary Service (Community and Health Volunteering)

<https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/volunteering/>

Youth Volunteering

<https://vinspired.com>



Work experience

Speakers for Schools offer work experience programmes with industry leading employers through insight days and 3-5 day virtual work placements.

Visit <https://www.speakersforschools.org/> to view the full range of opportunities, register and apply.



NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme 2nd October (slide 1)

Students can register using the link below:

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals. This programme is suitable for students in years 12, and 13 who are interested in the following careers:

Nursing
Paramedicine
Occupational Therapy
Radiography
Speech and Language Therapy

Midwifery
Physiotherapy
Dietetics
Prosthetics and Orthotics
Pharmacy



NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme 2nd October (slide 2)

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. You will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students will receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the full 5-month programme will also be awarded Highly Commended References.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>



Independent Learning Opportunities



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Future Stars Journalism Competition – University of Sunderland

Our Future Journalism Stars competition is back!

Enter the **University of Sunderland's** competition to find the best online storytellers of 2022

online launch event on Wednesday 14th September. During this event, our accredited journalists will show students how to create content in a free online masterclass. If you are unable to attend the launch date, please do not worry as we will record the online event and we can send all resources after the event.

Last year's competition winner won an iPad and experienced a day in the MediaHub where she got to write and publish her own content.

Audience: This event is aimed at Year 12 and Year 13 students interested in writing and creating content

Date: Wednesday 14th September 2022

Time: 5pm - 6pm

Location: Online

You can find out more about this event and book online [here](#)

If you have any queries about this or wish to register your interest, please email us at Events.recruitment@sunderland.ac.uk



Student achievement



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Well Done LEO BEEVERS

Ex-student Leo Beevers attended the Tower Poetry Summer School in August. He wrote the winning poem [As a Moment Glimpsed Only Through Migration](#)



This is an excellent achievement of which HGS is really proud!

If you are interested in joining the 2023 summer school <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/research-and-academia/tower-poetry-summer-schools>

Or would like to take part in the 2023 competition <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/research-and-academia/enter-tower-poetry-competition>

