



**NEW OPPORTUNITIES**



# Year 12 Progression Event – Can you help?



**Friday 7th July** we have universities, colleges and employers coming to visit the school and we need your help to:

- Show them where to set up
- Help them set up
- Support with any issues that might arise



Please complete the form below to show your support

<https://forms.office.com/e/54BmXjxS6A>

Deadline 16/6/23

# Academic/super-curricular opportunity

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Next week, we will be joined by former HGS student, Niamh McAndrew, who is looking forward to talking to year 12 about her experiences of academic study and research in History and English.

Niamh studied History and English at the University of Oxford, before progressing to the University of York to pursue an MA in Medieval Studies.

**The talk will take place on Wednesday 14 June in F110, from 12.25-13.15.** All year 12 students are welcome to attend the talk, which will be particularly invaluable for students aspiring to read History or English at a leading university.



# Interested in being a Vet?

Are you a 16–17-year-old interested in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine? Our Vet School Preparation Programme is just what you need! Join us for a brand new 3-day programme that includes farm visits, small animal practicals, discussions with staff and assistance with vet school applications. During the programme you'll learn how to carry out clinical exams with a variety of animals, learn how to suture and bandage and even participate in a half day lambing course! Our staff will give talks on their experiences in the profession, alternative veterinary careers, fear free practices, and answer any questions you may have. You will also be assigned a mentor to assist you throughout the application process for vet school. And as a bonus, you'll receive a certificate of attendance and goody bag. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to prepare for vet school! Apply today to [vets@thrumsvet.co.uk](mailto:vets@thrumsvet.co.uk) or contact us on 01575 572643 if you have any questions.







RSM is working closely with Access Accountancy and other professional bodies to improve access to the accountancy profession. By working together and committing to measurable outcomes, we hope to deliver real change and welcome talented and ambitious young people to the profession from all backgrounds.

[Year 12/13 Work Shadowing Programme - Leeds - July 2023 in LEEDS | Audit at RSM UK](#)

# Oxford University

Whose stories do you think are missing from your curriculum? Who do you think should be more widely read and known about?

## The Competition

We are asking UK state school and college students in Year 12 (or will be in Year 13 in September 2023) to create a short video to tell us about writers you think are missing from the school curriculum and why you think their work should be taught in school.

We would like you to create a short video of no longer than 10 minutes, telling us about the time they were writing and living in. We want you to analyse at least one piece of work they created (for example, a novel, a play or a collection of poetry) and explain why you think it should be taught at school.

- To enter you don't need any fancy filming equipment or video editing software! All entries will be judged on their research skills, persuasive argument and engagement with the questions and prompts found on the Entry Information document. You can film this on your phone, record yourself drawing, create a TikTok or record yourself giving a PowerPoint on Zoom – we don't mind!

## The Prize

Our winners will receive:

1st Prize: Book vouchers worth £150

2nd Prize: Book vouchers worth £100

3rd Prize: Book vouchers worth £50

All shortlisted entrants will also be invited to Oxford for the day for a celebration and series of workshops to support their applications to university, delivered by our admissions staff and tutors. All shortlisted videos will also be promoted on the Pembroke College website and social media.

More information about the competition and how to enter can be [found here on our website](#).

- The deadline to submit your entry to us is **Monday 24th July 2023**.

Discovering ||

Forgotten ||

Writers ||

Competition





This website provides you with the opportunity to explore potential courses

Different subjects, but the same four themes explored in every single one:

- Why students may wish to consider the subject
- What to expect if they study it
- An overview of the careers it may lead to
- Application tips if they go on to apply

From Accounting to Zoology - and 100's of subjects in between. You can browse the videos , search by keyword, or filter by subject.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/ondemand>



### Games Studies & Games Production

A guide to studying Games Studies & Games Production at uni - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring the University of Huddersfield.

[Watch now](#)



### Chemistry

A guide to studying Chemistry at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring Keele University.

[Watch now](#)



### Cyber Security

A guide to studying Cyber Security at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring the University of Bradford.

[Watch now](#)



### Prosthetics & Orthotics

A guide to studying Prosthetics & Orthotics at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, application tips and careers. Featuring the University of Salford.



### Accounting & Finance

A guide to studying Accounting & Finance at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, applications and careers. Featuring the University of Greenwich.



### Software Engineering

A guide to studying Software Engineering at university - including what to expect, reasons to consider it, applications and careers. Featuring the University of Huddersfield.



# Sixth Form Bulletin

Monday 12th June to Friday 16th  
June 2023



**HECKMONDWIKE**  
GRAMMAR SIXTH FORM

It's  
week





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# Year 12



**HECKMONDWIKE**  
GRAMMAR SIXTH FORM



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a pencil, poised to write on a document. The document features a grid of small circles, likely for marking answers. The background is softly blurred, showing a person in a white shirt.

Year 12 your milestones are coming up **19th June**.....

Remember **all** your milestone scores provide evidence towards your predicted grades.

**Make sure you are revising NOW to ensure you get the best possible grades.**

Your predicted grades can be used for all progression routes – university, apprenticeships and jobs.

Don't be a dummy and do something crummy  
Instead

Do something smart and do your part.....

By revising to help make your dreams come true.



# Personal Statement support

**Every Wednesday in the JCC  
period 5**







### HOW DO I BOOK A TEST?

You need to register to take the test via the UCAT website and can then book a test at a convenient location and time. Details of how to register for the test are on our website under the REGISTER page. We strongly recommend that you take the test at your earliest convenience.

It's important to note that you can only sit the test once in each admissions cycle.



## 2023 UCAT UNIVERSITY CLINICAL APTITUDE TEST

# Applying to Medicine or Dentistry?

Most UK universities require applicants to Medicine and Dentistry courses to sit an admissions test in addition to their other entry requirements. The UCAT is a computer-based test delivered at test centres throughout the UK and internationally.

**YEAR 12 students to register now before booking opens on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/register/>

## KEY DATES FOR UCAT 2023

16 May	UCAT Account creation opens
	Bursary and Access Arrangement applications open
20 June	Booking opens
10 July	Testing begins
19 September midday (BST)	Access Arrangements deadline
21 September midday (BST)	Booking deadline
28 September	Last testing day
29 September	Bursary scheme deadline
16 October	UCAS application deadline
Early November	Results delivered to universities

### TEST FEES

Tests taken in the UK £70

### BURSARIES

If you are a UK candidate in financial need you can apply for a bursary to cover the full test fee. Full details of our eligibility criteria can be found on the UCAT website, under BURSARY SCHEME.

## WHICH UNIVERSITIES REQUIRE THE UCAT?

- UK Universities**
- University of Aberdeen
  - Anglia Ruskin University
  - Aston University
  - University of Birmingham
  - University of Bristol
  - Brunel University London
  - Cardiff University
  - University of Central Lancashire
  - University of Chester
  - University of Dundee
  - University of East Anglia
  - Edge Hill University
  - University of Edinburgh
  - University of Exeter
  - University of Glasgow
  - Hull York Medical School
  - Keele University
  - Kent and Medway Medical School
  - King's College London
  - University of Leicester
  - University of Liverpool
  - University of Manchester
  - University of Newcastle
  - University of Nottingham
  - Plymouth University
  - Queen Mary, University of London
  - Queen's University Belfast
  - University of Sheffield
  - University of Southampton
  - University of St Andrews
  - St George's, University of London
  - University of Sunderland
  - University of Surrey
  - University of Warwick (graduate entry)
  - University of Worcester



## Summer Preparation Programme

The Lucy Cavendish College Summer Preparation Programme 2023 is designed to bridge the gap between GCSE (National 5/equivalent) study to A-Levels (IB/Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers/equivalent) by providing Year 11 (S4 - Scotland, Y12 - N.I.) students with a month-long online programme of academic enrichment tailored to their stage of the curriculum. The programme will consist of study skills workshops on a range of important themes such as time management and essay writing, university readiness sessions to support students as they plan their next steps to top Universities like Cambridge, and substantive knowledge sessions, designed to supplement students' foundational academic knowledge so that they can hit the ground running when they start their A-Levels (IB/Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers/equivalent).

The Summer Preparation Programme 2023 will build on last year's programme, following which 97% of students felt more confident about starting their A-Levels (IB/Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers/equivalent).

Students can find out more and apply by **16<sup>th</sup> June** [here](#).



## Cambridge Open Days

The University of Cambridge's next undergraduate Open Days will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. These days are aimed at prospective applicants from Year 12 together with their parents or supporters, to help them learn more about the University. Lucy Cavendish College will be open from 9:30am-4:30pm on both days. We will be running student ambassador-led College tours every 15 minutes, and you'll also have the chance to speak to our Admissions Team about your application. We'd be delighted to welcome you to our friendly and forward-thinking College, so please do drop by to say hello!

Find out more and book your place [here](#).



## Opportunities for students from the wider university and beyond

### Subject Taster Sessions

A number of institutions are hosting online Subject Taster Sessions over the next two months. Given that the sessions will be very similar in structure, I have tried to condense information about all the subjects on offer in the table below.

Subject	Date	Link
Archaeology	12 <sup>th</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions">www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions</a>
Architecture	27 <sup>th</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters">www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters</a>
Biological Natural Sciences	5 <sup>th</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions">www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions</a>
	7 <sup>th</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters">www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters</a>
Chemistry	14 <sup>th</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters">www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters</a>
Computer Science	14 <sup>th</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions">www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions</a>
English	7 <sup>th</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions">www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions</a>
Geography	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2a4e3c4c-254e-43a3-b170-945fcd30513@cc95de1b-97f5-4f93-b4ba-fe68b852cf91">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2a4e3c4c-254e-43a3-b170-945fcd30513@cc95de1b-97f5-4f93-b4ba-fe68b852cf91</a>
Land Economy	12 <sup>th</sup> July, 5pm	<a href="http://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions">www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions</a>
Law	5 <sup>th</sup> June	<a href="http://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions">www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions</a>
Mathematics	13 <sup>th</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters">www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters</a>
Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics	6 <sup>th</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters">www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters</a>
	24 <sup>th</sup> June, 9:45am	<a href="http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/sidney-sussex-languages-taster-day">www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/sidney-sussex-languages-taster-day</a>
Philosophy and Theology	22 <sup>nd</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters">www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters</a>
	18 <sup>th</sup> July, 5pm	<a href="http://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions">www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions</a>
Physical Natural Sciences	15 <sup>th</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters">www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr12subjecttasters</a>
	21 <sup>st</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions">www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions</a>
Veterinary Medicine	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 5pm	<a href="http://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions">www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions</a>



### **Christs College Making the Most of Open Days Webinar**

This webinar on 1<sup>st</sup> June aims to help you make the most of attending university open days. With advice and guidance on what to do before, during and after events - whether online and in person. This session will leave you feeling more prepared to attend open days and maximise those opportunities to talk to staff and students.

Find out more and book [here](#).



### **St Catherine's College Personal Statement Workshops**

How do you build up a personal statement? What does a typical Oxbridge personal statement look like? These webinars answer these questions and more, looking in depth at real recent examples of personal statements, critically evaluating them and asking attendees to discuss ideas for their own draft paragraphs.

Applicants for Arts & Humanities subjects can register for the workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> June [here](#).

Applicants for Sciences & Maths subjects can register for the workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> June [here](#).



### **Robinson College Summer Subject Residentials**

The Subject Residentials are an opportunity for Year 12 (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I.) students to gain an insight into university learning at Cambridge, through subject taster sessions and lectures led by the College's academic community. The Residentials are designed around four broad discipline strands with multiple degree subjects explored within each Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, Biological Sciences, and Physical Sciences.

Find out more and apply by 12<sup>th</sup> June [here](#).

### **Trinity College Empires, Identities and Language Taster Day**

Taster Day with a focus on the Slavonic Languages taught at Cambridge (Polish, Russian and Ukrainian) with overnight accommodation provided so participants can then attend the University Open Day the following morning. This is designed predominantly for Year 12 (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I.) considering applying for our History, Modern Languages, or History & Modern Languages courses.

Find out more and apply by 15<sup>th</sup> June [here](#).

### **Cambridge Afro-Caribbean Society Mentoring Programme**

The Cambridge ACS Year 12 Mentoring Programme is a free 6 month programme designed to provide exclusive insight and mentoring for students of African and Caribbean Heritage in Year 12 (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I.) thinking of applying to Cambridge in October 2023. The programme entails one-on-one meetings with a current Cambridge student, mock interviews, personal statement sessions, an in-person visit to Cambridge, and admissions advice.

Find out more and apply by 18<sup>th</sup> June [here](#).

### **Churchill College Sustainable Urban Futures Residential**

Applications are now open for the Sustainable Urban Futures Residential at Churchill College, University of Cambridge. If you are a high achieving Year 12 (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I.) student but you don't necessarily know what subject you want to do, Sustainable Urban Futures is perfect for you! It is a fantastic way to learn how studying a whole variety of university degrees could empower you to make a difference to Sustainable Development.

Find out more, check your eligibility, and apply by 18<sup>th</sup> June [here](#).

### **Faculty of Music Taster Day**

The Faculty of Music's in-person Taster Days are designed to offer a taste of life as a Music student at the University of Cambridge. Participants will experience some of the teaching methods used by university academics and gain an insight into just some of the huge range of skills, approaches, and topics that the study of music at University encompasses.

Find out more and apply by 23<sup>rd</sup> June [here](#).

### **Supracurricular Resources**

Alongside our usual highlighted resources, we've launched a brand-new initiative for sharing supracurricular resources with students and teachers. On our [@LucyCavAdm](#) Twitter account, we will be posting a 'supracurricular resource of the week' for you to explore. Follow us and check out our first featured resources [here](#).



**Social Sciences - Subject Tasters**  
University of Sheffield

Subject	Date	Time	Location
<a href="#">Architecture</a>	Monday 12th June 2023	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Online
<a href="#">Urban Studies and Planning</a>	Monday 26th June 2023	4.30pm - 5.50pm	Online

For more taster sessions please  
visit <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/subject-tasters>



**St Catharine's College Open Day**  
**8th July 2023**  
**10 - 4 pm**



On Saturday 8 July, the College will be hosting our in-person Open Day. We will be having an introductory talk about applying for Cambridge, a student life and question & answer session, mock interviews with current students, and tours of the college with students. We will also be providing free refreshments and lunch to prospective applicants.

Parents and supporters will be able to attend some, but not all, elements of this open day due to space restrictions.

Sign up [here](#)

**Medicine Taster Afternoon**  
**26 June 2023**  
**3:30 - 5 pm**

Are you interested in studying Medicine at Cambridge? If so, come along to our Medicine Taster Afternoon to hear from staff & students about the course and ask any burning questions you have.

The structure of the webinar will be as follows:

- 15:30-16:00: Admissions Talk by Medicine Fellow Professor Stefan Marciniak
- 16.00-16:15: Talk about pre-clinical studies at Cambridge University
- 16:15-16:30: Talk about Clinical years at Cambridge University
- 16:30-17:00: Q+A with admissions staff and current students

Sign up [here](#)

**Researching Research Event**  
**25 July 2023**

On the 25th of July 2023, the Cambridge Institute of Medical Research(CIMR) is running an online event called Reaching Research aimed at students in Years 12.

**If you're a Y12 student interested in studying medicine, biomedical sciences, biochemistry, biology etc. at university, this event is for you!**

Reaching Research will consist of several talks from biomedical scientists at different stages of their careers. Speakers include postdoctoral researchers, PhD students, research assistants, a core facility manager and the director of the institute, Professor Julian Rayner.

Each scientist will discuss their career background, current research topics and advice to students considering careers in science.

The event is aimed at students in Y12 attending state schools, with priority given to students who meet one or more of our additional criteria detailed on our [website](#).



**Careers in Engineering & Biotechnology Webinar**  
**29 June 2023**

Our chemical engineering graduate Dr Rachel Cooke will be sharing highlights of her exciting and rewarding career journey so far. She has 20 years' experience working in varied roles across different industries in different countries around the globe, from food and drink to manufacture and logistics.

This webinar will consist of a short presentation and wrap up with a Q&A. Overall, this is a great opportunity to find out more about STEM careers that a degree in chemical engineering and biotechnology can lead to and to ask Dr Cooke some pertinent questions.

Sign up [here](#)

**Ethnic Minorities Open Day - King's College**  
**19 June 2023**

Deadline: 12th June

On the 19th June 2023, King's College will be hosting its Sixth Ethnic Minorities Open Day. This event will be oriented to prospective students aged 16+ from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, currently attending a UK school. The aim of the event is to give students from under-represented groups attending UK schools an opportunity to gain an insight into life at Cambridge and ask questions about anything from admissions to student life here at King's.

Sign up [here](#)







## 2) St John's Poster Competition

Our annual College competition is open to **students in Year 12 (England/Wales) / S5 (Scotland) / Y13 (Northern Ireland)**. We'd like students to complete a **small research project** on an academic topic or question that interests them, from **any subject area**, and create an **academic research poster** about it, together with an **accompanying bibliography** and **3 minute video** in which they present their project's findings. The **theme** of this year's competition is "**dark**" – students' submission should relate to this theme and we encourage creative interpretations! Students' submission will be **judged by academics** at St John's College who are researching and teaching in the poster's academic area(s), and there will be **prizes** in the form of **National Book Tokens** for winning submissions. The **deadline** for submitting an entry to the poster competition is **Friday 4th August 5pm**.

For more information about the St John's Poster Competition, as well as further guidance and resources to help students get started with an academic research project, [please click here for the Poster Competition webpage](#).

## 3) Pembroke College, Oxford – Video Competition: 'Discovering Forgotten Writers'

Pembroke College, Oxford have launched a competition for Year 12 students asking them to consider whose stories they believe are **missing from their curriculum**. Entrants need to create a **short video** about a 'forgotten writer' and submit their entry by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July**. **Book voucher prizes** are on offer for winning submissions. For more information about Pembroke's **literature-based** super-curricular competition, [please see this webpage](#).



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## Music Campus Day / Creative Arts Campus Day

The campus days will take place at the University of Leeds campus on **Thursday the 6th of July 2023** between **10:15 am and 3:20 pm**.

As part of the campus event, your students will:

- Experience a lecture from academics in the School of Music / School of Design
- Take a tour of the University of Leeds campus led by current undergraduate students
- Get hands on in a practical session in our music facilities / design studios
- Receive a free lunch
- Meet like-minded students
- Get to ask plenty of questions to staff and current students about university life

### How to Apply

Please have your students [apply by completing our online form](#). The **deadline** for applications is 23:59 on the **14th of June 2023**.

**Open  
Days**

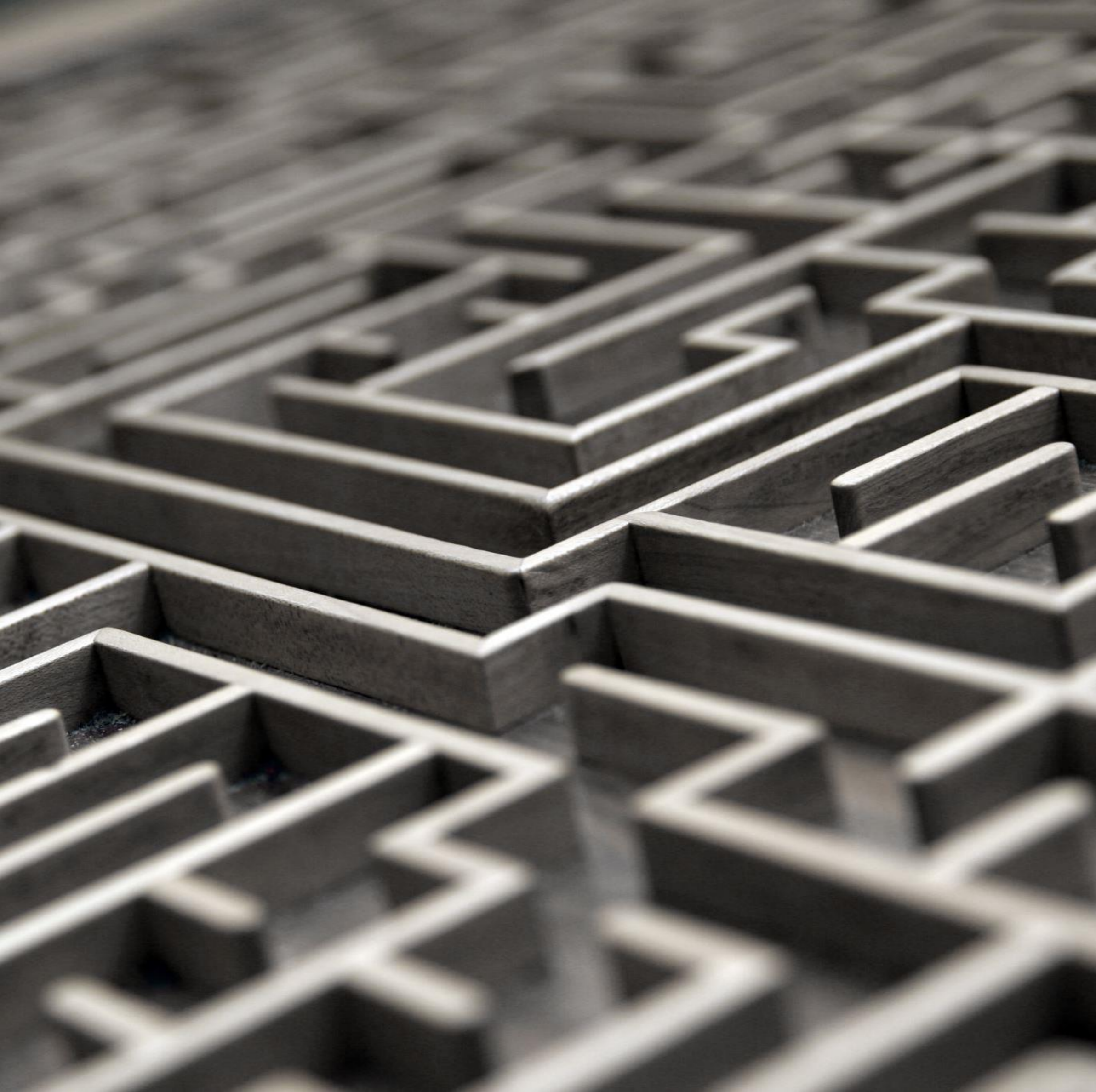
16–17 June

[BOOK YOUR PLACE](#) →



To book an open day at the University of Leeds click [here](#)





## Struggling to know what you want to do after school?

- Figuring out next steps after college or sixth form can be tough! Here are some resources to help students struggling with that decision, along with some guidance on how to pick a degree course.
- [SACU](#) - this site is great for Year 12s struggling to decide on the right degree or apprenticeship for them. Take a short picture-based quiz and SACU will come up with a cloud of subject areas that would suit the student.
- [Prospects](#) - another great website for browsing through degree subjects and the careers they can lead to. Prospects is also useful for working backwards - starting with a desired career in mind and seeing which degrees or other pathways would be best for achieving a role within that industry.

# UCAT

UCAT season is here and students need to be preparing now. We have several new articles, guides and webinars available for students. Please see the provided links below:

**Articles:** [Latest Articles](#)

**Webinar:** [Catch-up](#)

**Summer Work Exp:** [Summer 2023 Opportunities](#)



# UCAT

**FAO: Anyone thinking of applying for Medicine and therefore completing the UCAT exam:**

There are some free resources and some webinars via the links below that may interest you.

<https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/webinars/>

<https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/student-resources/>

# Year 12 Summer Essay Competition



Is there a current issue you think needs solving? Or perhaps there's an important aspect of your favourite subject you'd like to explore in more detail. This competition is your chance to do so! We will accept essays on any topic you find interesting – the choice is yours.

The essay question is:

**Identify a key issue in a subject of your choice. Explain that issue and offer a potential solution.**

You can write about any topic you choose, whether it is a current event/issue or something from the past. Tell us about a topic you find interesting and let us know more about it!

You are welcome to write a new essay question for your essay, or to use the one above on its own. You should write no more than 2000 words, but there is no minimum word limit, to give you some flexibility. You will be assessed on your grammar and clarity of communication, and on the coherence of your argument and you will receive detailed feedback.

## **Prizes:**

First Place – £100 Amazon Voucher

Runner-up prizes – 3 runner-up prizes of £75 Vouchers

Highly Commended certificates of achievement

Certificates of Commendation will be awarded to other, excellent essays.

**Deadline for entries is 1st August 2023 at 5pm.**

Please email your entries as a PDF document without your name on it to [outreach@exeter.ox.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@exeter.ox.ac.uk). In the body of your email, please provide your name, year group, and school name. This information is for our records only, and will not be given to the assessors as all essays are anonymous during the judging process. Please submit using an email address which you monitor regularly, as this is how we will inform you of the result.

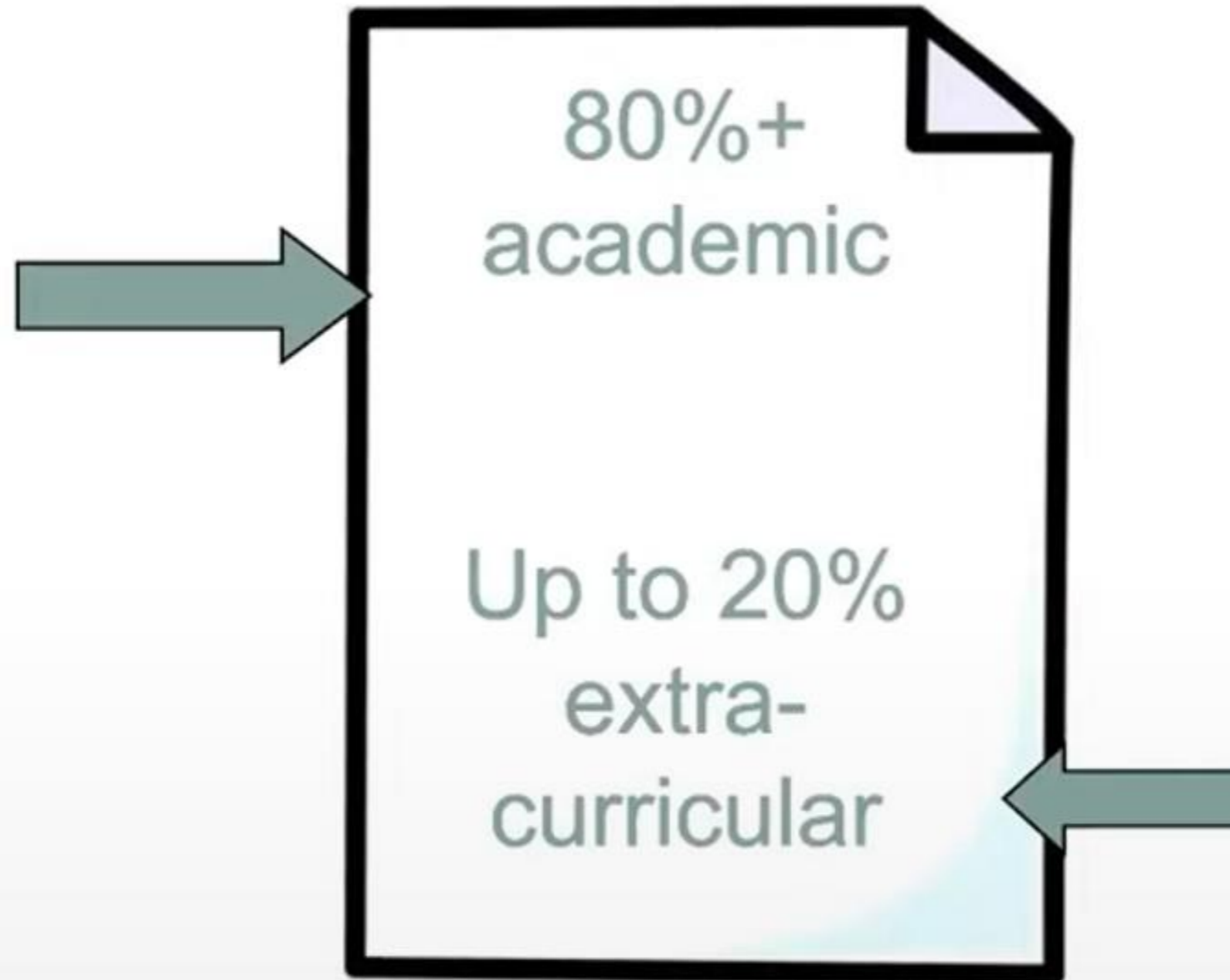
All UK-based pupils in Year 12 or equivalent are welcome to enter. Good luck!



# Structuring the personal statement

Advice for  
Oxbridge  
students

- *I want to study...*
- *I have read/watched/visited ...*
- *It was interesting because...*
- *What I learned from this was....*
- *What was challenging was...*



- *In my spare time I play...*
- *I had some work experience at...*
- *I enjoy...*

# Our top tips for students

- Explain your reasons for wanting to study the subject at university.
- Show your passion, don't just tell us.
- Be yourself and sound like yourself – you don't have to use the thesaurus for every word!
- Make sure you can talk about everything in your personal statement in detail, as you may be asked about it at your interview.
- Outline how you've pursued your subject interest in your own time.
- Make sure it relates to the course you have applied for.
- Check your spelling and grammar, and use clear, plain English.
- Avoid sweeping, general statements, make every word count.



# Examples of Super –curricular activities

- Direct reading
- Podcasts
- Project work
- Documentaries
- Extension problems
- Sample lectures



# Leeds University – Open days

Our Open Days are popular, and sessions fill quickly so early access is a great opportunity for you and your students to book before the general launch goes live next week.

Each student planning to attend an Open Day need to book individually using our [Open Days booking form](#). Please note that booking individual talks and sessions is essential. Details of the times and locations of activities can be found on the booking form.

Once registered, students will be able to access their online Open Days booking summary which they can then use on the day to access their pre-booked sessions.

Our 2023 undergraduate Open Days are:

- Friday 16 June
- Saturday 17 June
- Saturday 9 September
- Saturday 14 October





# Oxford University

## Keble College Admissions Webinars

Keble College are looking forward to running a programme of Admissions Webinars, covering various aspects of the Oxford admissions process, recommended for Year 12 students during the upcoming summer term. These sessions are open to students at any UK state school (teachers and school staff may also register), and there are two dedicated sessions for parents/carers. Feedback from last year was that these webinars were very useful to attendees, so we are happy to make them a permanent fixture in Keble's outreach calendar. All sessions will be delivered by a member of the Keble Outreach team via Zoom. Programme (some sessions are repeated):

- Preparing for Oxford Interviews: Tuesday 13th June 4-5pm
- Personal Statements for Top Universities: Wednesday 14th June 4-5pm
- Oxford Explained for Parents & Carers: Monday 19th June 6-7pm
- Oxford Explained for Parents & Carers: Tuesday 11th July 6-7pm

For more registration forms for all events, please visit <https://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduates/outreach/>.

# Tips for getting into Oxbridge (1)

- They want someone with a genuine interest in their subject and is a good fit for their chosen course. A student needs to show interest, aptitude and ability
- You need to be able to think critically (question the things you have learned and produce an alternative viewpoint) and learn independently
- You will be expected to study for 45 hours + per week (9 hours, 5 days a week) so getting into good study habits NOW is essential
- EPQ is a good subject to study as part of developing super curricular knowledge. Don't do it for the sake of it do it because you want to develop knowledge of your subject





# Tips for getting into Oxbridge (2)

## Interviews

Oxbridge interviews are not about giving the correct answers but

1. Thinking critically about information they have been given
2. Asking questions – if they don't understand something or have not studied the information being discussed they should say rather than fumbling around
3. In critically analysing the information they have been given they should formulate their own opinions and pose questions
4. Showing the genuine passion for the subject and that they have done reading beyond the classroom.
5. Consider WHY they have the views they do (Why is a common question in interviews)

These are problem solving and discussion based.



# Tips for getting into Oxbridge (3)

## Personal statements

Students need to show

- a genuine interest in the subject
- outside reading and knowledge beyond the curriculum (and a critical understanding rather than giving a list of reading done) (this can be gained from super curricular activities)
- what your own thoughts about the subject are
- you have studied relevant A level subjects
- Be yourself





# Assessment tests advance notice

Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing have released the registration deadline and test dates for the following Admissions Tests:

## Key dates for BMAT, ENGAA, NSAA, and TMUA

- **1 September 2023** – Registration opens (**this will be via the school website as we offer the tests in school**)
- **15 September 2023** – Deadline to apply for modified papers (e.g. enlarged print)
- **29 September 2023 18.00 (BST)** – Registration closes for all tests
- **18 October 2023** – Test date

Please note that there is no late registration period after 29 September. If students are unsure about which tests to take, they can find out here: [Cambridge pre-registration assessments | Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing](#)

Students applying for Mathematics at Cambridge **do not** need to take the TMUA.

**All tests will be paper-based this year.** Access tests and more information [here](#)







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UCAS Personal Statement Tip

**UCAS have a YouTube channel.**

**They have loads of resources to help you.**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ucasonline>



# Year 13



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The West Yorkshire Police are now allowing applications for the role of Police Officer on the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship Scheme (PCDA) from students using their predicted grades assuming they will get their results in the summer (Year13).

At the moment this opportunity is open to **females and all ethnic minority applicants**. The window for **all** applicants to apply for roles as Police Officers will open on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. If it does not open on Friday I expect it to be over the weekend or on Tuesday.

For those wishing to apply, they will first need to **complete the below expression of interest**. From that they will receive an email with links to application form. The below link can also be found on the WYP website under vacancies section.

[West Yorkshire Police - Expressions of Interest - West Yorkshire Police \(tal.net\)](#)

As demand will be extremely high, I do not know how long the window for applications will be open. I expect that it may close early if demand is as expected, therefore I would strongly advise any interested students to check the West Yorkshire Police Website this Friday and submit applications at their earliest opportunity.

Your students would need to apply for the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship route if they wanted to attain a degree and be a front line uniformed officer or the IPLDP direct entry detective route as an alternate. Further information regarding the different options will be available once the website is updated.



# Planning your accommodation

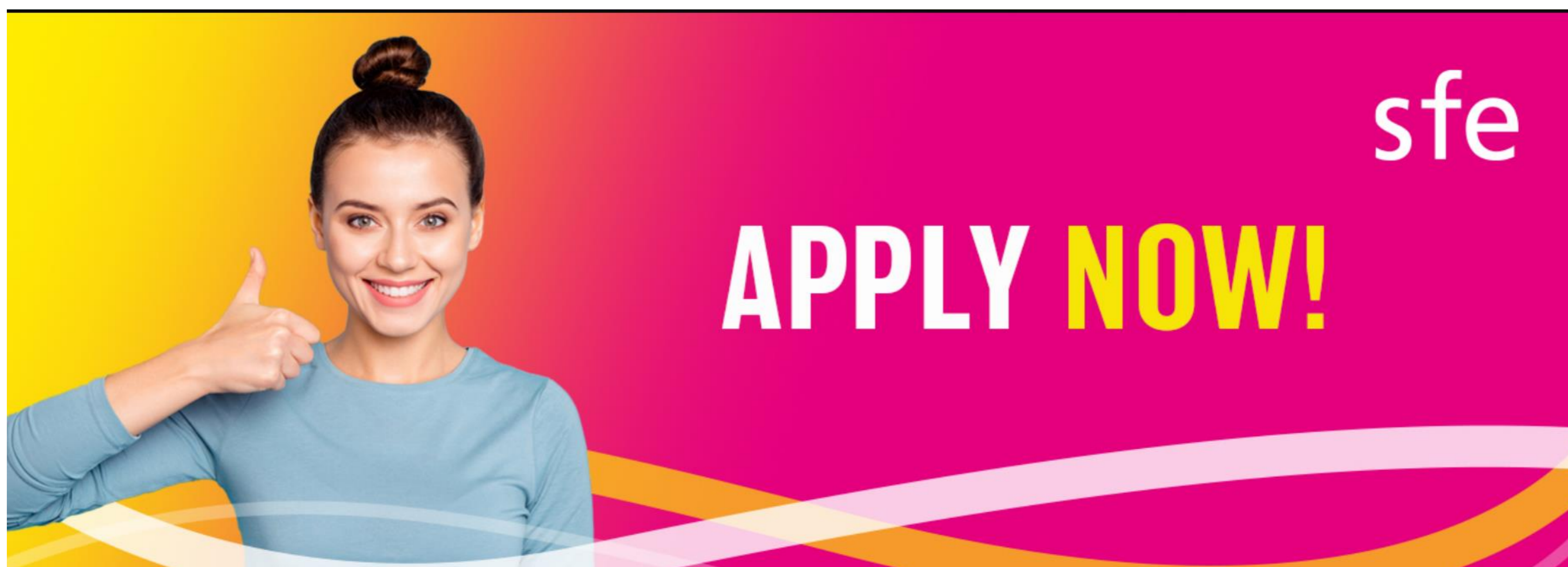
This website helps you find university accommodation

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/student-life/undergraduate-accommodation>

**Get ahead with accommodation research**

First year students often choose to live in halls of residence, but there are lots of options to choose from. Start researching different types of accommodation and to consider what's important to you before choosing your new home.





## Year 13 student finance

You can apply now.

UCAS has some information [here](#)

Key information

1. Set up an account [here](#)
2. Fill and submit the application (you need course start date, bank details, National Insurance number)
3. Submit any evidence you are asked for (Passport/birth certificate/Home Office biometric residence permit)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjSr0RqF1yg> How to apply

# Planning your student finance

There is a lot to consider with regards to student finance.

Here are some websites to help you conduct some research.

<https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://www.ucas.com/sfe>

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator>



Find all our latest guidance for students, parents and partners on student finance!



# Year 13 Making UCAS choices

**When your last decision comes in**, UCAS will send an email as usual to say there's an update (or a letter advising you about replying).

**Sign into your application to make your replies.**

**You'll see the deadline you need to reply by.**

Reminder of the information you have already been given

[recording](#)

[Responding to UCAS offers](#)

See [UCAS](#) for more support if needed

# UCAS extra NOW OPEN!!!!!!

Extra is another chance for you to gain a place at university or college, between **23 February and 4 July**. If you used all five of your choices on your original application and you're not holding an offer, you'll be able to add another choice using Extra.

## Tips when considering a choice

- Think about related or alternative subjects, as the entry requirements may be different.
- You can only apply to one course at a time, meaning you won't be able to have an insurance choice.

[To find out more](#)



# Super –Curricular opportunities



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## JUNE AT GRESHAM COLLEGE

This month, [Alan Turing: Pioneer of Mathematical Biology](#) by Professor Sarah Hart, will highlight Turing's ground-breaking work in biology. Professor Ronald Hutton will question [How Pagan Was Medieval Britain?](#) Through [Connecting the Dots: Milestones in Graph Theory](#), Professor Robin Wilson will examine the development of graph theory in the 20th century.

Professor Joanna Bourke will complete her series on **A Cultural History of Disease** with a lecture on [Sickle Cell Disease: A Cultural History](#), which will explore the importance of racial politics in understanding this disease. There will also be a [celebration of her ground-breaking academic work](#).

Rory Stewart OBE will deliver **The Annual Sir Thomas Gresham Lecture 2023** in his exploration of [Populism, Aristotle and Hope](#) to suggest ways of re-energising the centre ground of politics.

### **CONNECTING THE DOTS: MILESTONES IN GRAPH THEORY**

*Professor Robin Wilson*

Tue, 13th June 2023,

6pm

Barnard's Inn Hall /

Online

[Register Now](#)

### **SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN: ARCHITECT & COURTIER**

*Professor Simon Thurley*

*CBE*

Wed, 14th June 2023,

6pm

David Game College /

Online

[Register Now](#)

### **WHERE ARE WE WITH FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION?**

*Dame Siobhan Keegan*

Thurs, 15th June 2023,

6pm

Barnard's Inn Hall /

Online

[Register Now](#)

**series of super-curricular lectures from the University of Oxford's Faculty of History**

Aimed at students currently studying for A levels or equivalent these lectures are designed to introduce you to new and engaging historical topics and periods. Lecture subjects are drawn from current DPhil candidate research.

Live sessions include an introductory lecture, Q&A and suggested reading materials to help you explore the topic further.

**Tuesdays (term time) 4pm**

[Sign up to lecture series here!](#)

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By registering your email, you will receive a weekly link to join the live lecture as well as links to recordings and reading materials from previous lectures, upcoming workshops and opportunities relating to hist



**York Festival of Ideas, led and curated by the University of York, returns from 2 to 15 June with an exciting programme featuring over 150 FREE in-person and online events, including talks, concerts, films, tours, and more.**

**From archaeology to art, history to health and politics to psychology, the Festival offers something for all interests, providing fun and entertainment as well as space for discussions about important topics such as poverty and climate change.**

**Browse the [full programme](#) and follow York Festival of Ideas on social media: [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [#YorkIdeas](#)**

**Bookings are now open to find out more and book a place click the [link](#).**



# Resources from St John's College, Oxford



## Additional Resources:

### [Digital Prospectus](#)

Browse the University of Oxford's first digital prospectus.

### [Inspire Digital](#)

Our online resource platform for secondary school pupils. Inspire Digital is an interactive resource, with new material, hints and solutions to the questions posted on a regular basis.

### [Explore](#)

Explore is an engaging digital resource from the University of Oxford. As the 'Home of Big Questions', it aims to challenge those from 11 to 18 years with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. Big questions tackle complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and reflect the kind of critical thinking students undertake at university.

### [Springboard Videos](#)

Discover your new favourite topic with our Springboard videos, bringing you cutting-edge research from Oxford's graduate students on topics from climate change and colonialism to microbiomes and mathematical logic. These videos are intended for school pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13. Each offers an introduction to a new topic, plus lots of activities and further resources to explore.

### [Super-curricular Resources](#)

Students are welcome to browse our extensive range of super-curricular resources and programmes.

### [Virtual Tour of Oxford](#)

An excellent resource created by the Chemistry department where students who are unable to visit Oxford can get familiar with the ins and outs of the city and colleges.

[Find out more here](#)



# Apprenticeship opportunities



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# Design Engineer Apprenticeship

[Apply here](#)

## Level 6 Building Services Design Engineer Apprenticeship

**Employer**

WATERMAN BUILDING SERVICES LIMITED

**Location**


2nd Floor Victoria Wharf, 4 The Embankment, Sovereign Street, LS1 4BA

**Salary**

£19,000.00 annually

**Closing date**

1 Jul 2023

Apply on website 

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[View more](#) 

### What will the apprentice be doing?

Building Services concerns itself with the mechanical and electrical design for building projects.

Duties include:

- Developing sustainable designs and working with architects to provide ventilation, heating/cooling, lighting and power solutions using 3D modelling software
- The role also covers overseeing the design being constructed and commissioned on site

You will attend the taught elements of your apprenticeship (including 1 day a week studying at Leeds Beckett University and 4 days a week working at our Leeds office).

Tasks include:

- Developing knowledge and experience with mechanical & electrical engineering
- Developing knowledge in sustainable and energy efficient solutions
- Developing skills in using 3D building modelling software such as Revit
- Being a key member of the team supporting the design development





# Product Design Apprenticeship

[Apply here](#)

## Product Design and Development Engineer Apprentice

**Employer**

PHILFORD DESIGN ENGINEERS LTD

**Location**


UNIT 35, WADDINGTON WAY, ROTHERHAM, S65 3SH

**Salary**

£12,168.00 annually

**Closing date**

3 Jul 2023

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### What will the apprentice be doing?

It is the intention that this role and similar roles in the future will be filled by candidates wanting to be future managers and leaders in the company.

Initially we'd want you to gain experience in fabrication, welding, and machining, after which you will be based in the drawing office/design department to continue your learning & development. The role is very important to the company and future growth plans, as an apprentice you will have exposure to all aspects of the business. As you get into the role of design you will start to visit our customers on site with your colleagues to look at solutions and start to work on live projects. This apprenticeship ultimately will allow you to get wide exposure to an engineering manufacturing business and ultimately career choices as you progress.

Reporting to the Drawing Office Manager, as an apprentice you will start your tenure at the company, working in the fabrication, welding and machining areas which will allow you to gain an understanding of how our products are manufactured. Once you have gained sufficient experience in the manufacturing process, for a minimum 12 months, you will then transition through to the Drawing & Design Office, which will complement your learning at the AMRC Training Centre.



# Degree Apprenticeships

- You apply direct to the employer not through UCAS
- You will have to write a personal statement (like the UCAS one)
- Each company has their own criteria and ways to apply
- Do your research about the business and the role (to talk about this in the interview)
- Most students do a UCAS application AND apply for degree apprenticeships to keep their options open



# Degree apprenticeships

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships/what-you-need-know-about-apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships-0> - What you need to know

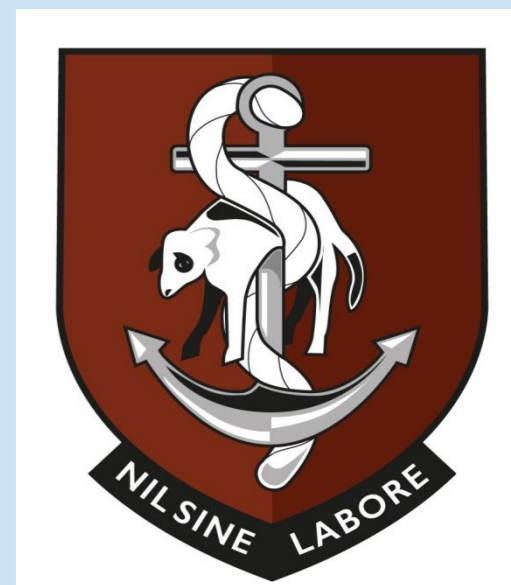
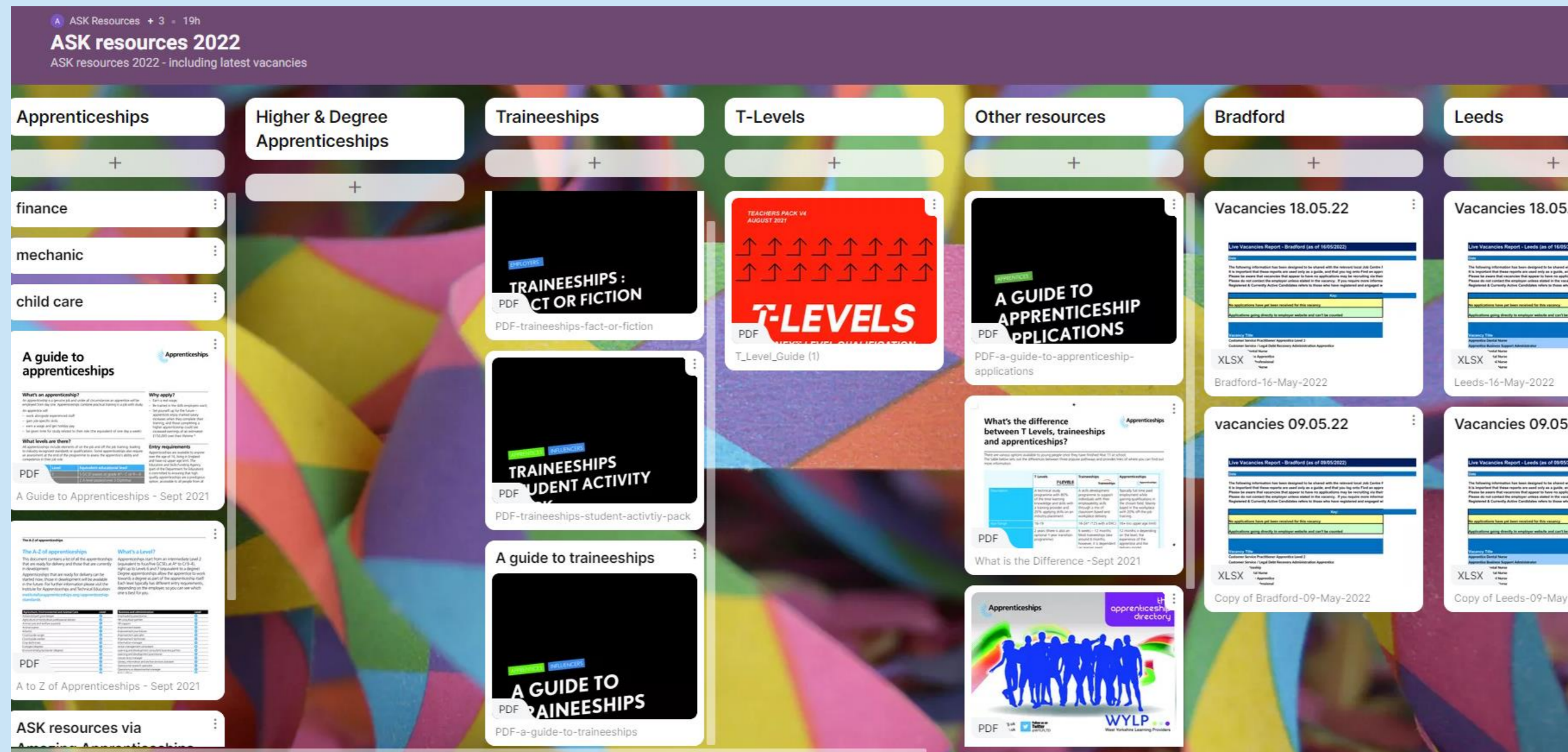
<https://www.ucas.com/explore/industry-guides/accounting-and-finance> - Accounting and finance





# 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](mailto:careersteachers@heckgrammar.co.uk) and we can book you an appointment or you can come to the lunchtime drop in 12.45pm-1.15pm





# Careers








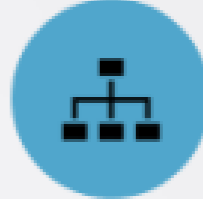

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# Are you interested in a career in the NHS?

Are you considering apprenticeships?

Then check out this [powerpoint](#). It has several options, including medical doctor apprenticeships

						
NURSING PATHWAY	CATERING/ HOSPITALITY PATHWAY	ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY	HUMAN RESOURCES PATHWAY	PARAMEDIC PATHWAY	ADMINISTRATION PATHWAY	MATERNITY PATHWAY
Healthcare Support Worker – Level 2	Production Chef Level 2 or Hospitality Team Member – Level 2	Healthcare Support Worker - Level 2	Customer Service Practitioner – Level 2	Healthcare Support Worker – Level 2	Customer Service Practitioner – Level 2	Healthcare Support Worker – Level 2
Senior Healthcare Support worker - Level 3	Senior Production Chef – Level 3 or Hospitality Supervisor - Level 3	Senior Healthcare Support worker - Level 3	HR Support – Level 3	Ambulance Support Worker- Level 3	Business Administrator – Level 3	Senior Healthcare Support worker - Level 3
Nursing Associate – Level 5	Hospitality Manager – Level 4	AHP Support pathway	Hospitality Manager – Level 4	Associate Ambulance Practitioner – Level 5	Department Manager – Level 5	Maternity Support pathway
Registered Nurse – Level 6	Department Manager – Level 5	Assistant Practitioner – Level 5	HR Consultant / Business Partner – Level 5	Paramedic - Level 6	Chartered Manager – Level 6	Midwife – Level 6
		Physio / OT/ ODP/ Dietician / Podiatrist / Orthotist / Therapeutic or Diagnostic Radiographer / Speech and Language Therapist – Level 6			Senior Leader - Level 7	

# Volunteering and work experience



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# Work experience

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

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