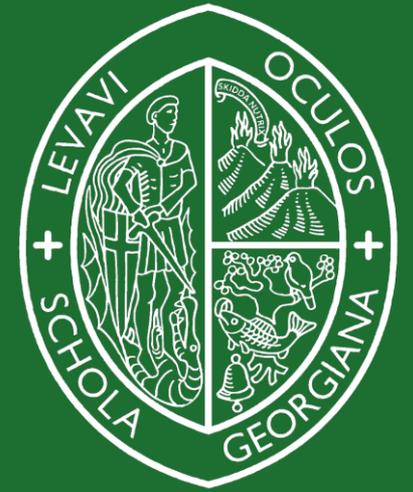


# Post 18 Progression 2024 Parents Evening



Wednesday 20 March 6:30-7:30pm

Miss G Peters, Mr J Ellis & Mr M Tookey



# Post 18 Progression 2024 Parents Evening

## Aims:

- To explain the Post-18 routes available for students
- To explain the UCAS application process
- To explain the generation of Best Likely Grades and UCAS predicted grades



# Post-18 Pathways



# Getting Ready to Leave St. George's

## Three main routes

- Further Study - including Degree Apprenticeships and/or Higher Education/University
- Gap Year
- Work/Training



# Further Study

- Do they like studying?
- Do they have an intellectual curiosity?
- Making sure they research to choose the right **course** and the right place



# PARENT, GUARDIAN AND CARER GUIDE 2024

Everything you need to support your child  
with their higher education choices



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# Apprenticeships



INTERMEDIATE

**LEVEL  
2**

Equivalent to  
5 GCSE's  
grade A\* - C/4

ADVANCED

**LEVEL  
3**

Equivalent to  
2 A'Levels

HIGHER

**LEVELS  
4, 5, 6 & 7**

Equivalent to a  
Foundation  
Degree or above

DEGREE

**LEVELS  
6,7**

Equivalent to a  
Batchelor's/  
Masters Degree



# Apprenticeships



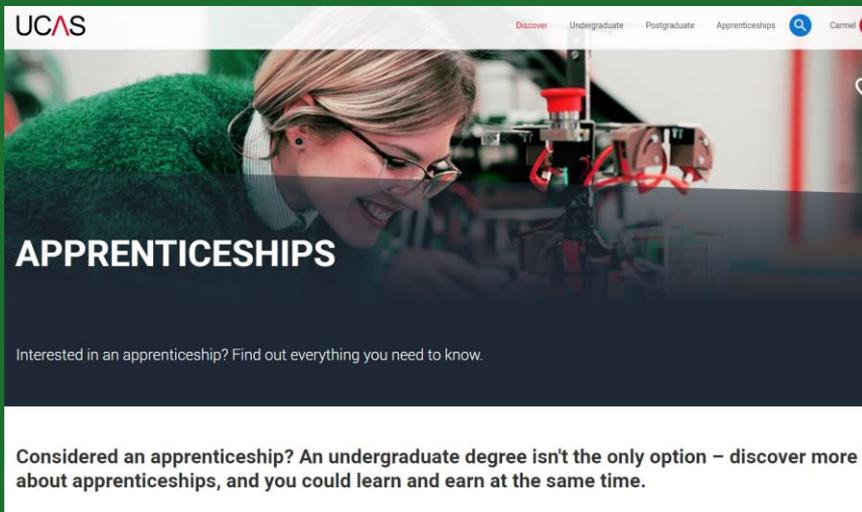
# Apprenticeships



<u><b>A level 4 Higher</b></u>	Equivalent to a <b>foundation degree</b> , a Higher National Certificate (HNC), or the first year of an undergraduate degree.
<u><b>Level 5 – Higher</b></u>	Also classified as higher apprenticeships. Equivalent to a <b>full degree</b> .
<u><b>Level 6 – Degree</b></u>	Offered by universities. Opportunity to obtain a full <b>bachelor's degree</b> .
<u><b>Level 7 – Degree</b></u>	Opportunity to obtain a <b>Master's degree</b> .



# Apprenticeships: helpful sites for parents



UCAS

Discover Undergraduate Postgraduate Apprenticeships Career

**APPRENTICESHIPS**

Interested in an apprenticeship? Find out everything you need to know.

Considered an apprenticeship? An undergraduate degree isn't the only option – discover more about apprenticeships, and you could learn and earn at the same time.



**Parents' and Carers' Pack**

Helping your child to search and apply for apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

Edition 43: March 2023

**National Apprenticeship Week #NAW2023**

**WAS A HUGE SUCCESS**



**Apprenticeships**

GET IN. GO FAR

[UCAS Guide for Parents & Carers](#)

[Apprenticeships.Gov Support for Parents & Guardians](#)

[Apprenticeships Parents & Carers Pack 2024](#)



# UCAS: Applying to University



# UCAS: Application: how it works

Your application

Entry requirements



# UCAS: the UK University Process



1. Best Likely Grades (provisional) - May 2024
2. Research courses – Unifrog / UCAS hub / Uniguide etc
3. Aspirational, ‘on target’ and safety nets
4. Personal Statement
5. Fill out UCAS form (opens 14<sup>th</sup> May but cannot apply until September)
6. Add qualifications – achieved and pending
7. References (including extenuating circumstances)
8. Send off in order of completion

**DEADLINE**

## UCAS DEADLINES :

Early entrant - 15 October 2024

Majority - 29 January 2025 \*

November 2024

## SCHOOL DEADLINE

Early entrant – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Majority – End of



# Early applicants / Conservatoires

- Oxford and Cambridge
- Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Sciences
- Midwifery / Physiotherapy\*
- Conservatoires - music / drama



# Early applicants / Conservatoires

- Additional requirements: interview, admissions tests, portfolio, evidence of work, super curricular research or project evidence
- Use subject teacher expertise
- Practice makes perfect!



# Gap Years



# Gap Years options

- Apply for **deferred entry** for 2026 with the rest of the cohort
- or:
- Apply during a Gap Year as an “Old Georgian”



# Gap Years – helpful sites



<https://www.ucas.com/discover/gap-years>

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/the-parents-guide-to-gap-years>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/advice-on-a-gap-year>



# UCAS / UCAS Hub

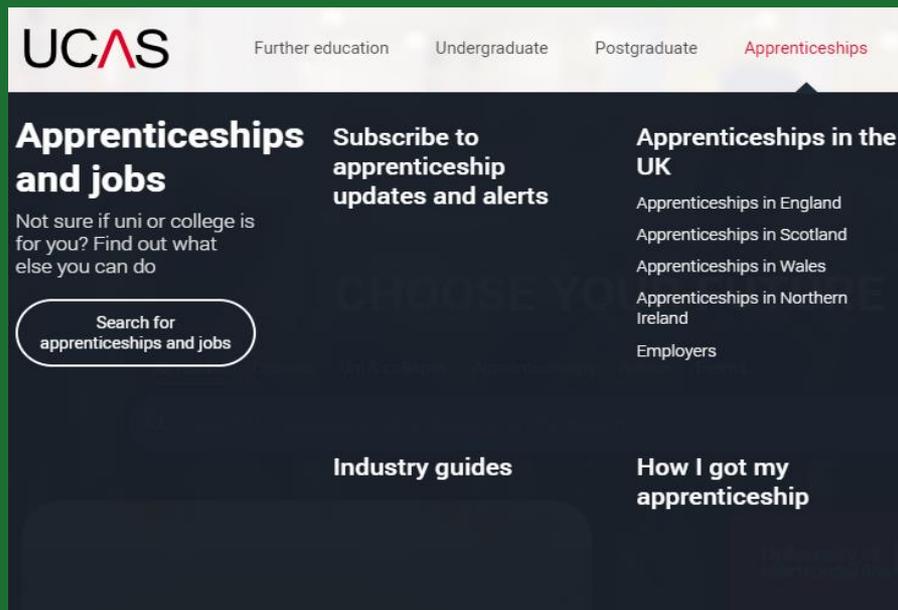


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Apprenticeships in Wales  
Apprenticeships in Northern Ireland  
Employers

**Industry guides**

**How I got my apprenticeship**

# Other useful sites

**The Student Room**  
Uni Guide

Find a course ▾ Where to study ▾ Get advice ▾ Log in

## A-level Explorer

See where your A-level choices will take you before it's too late. Enter yours below and find out now:

## A-level Explorer

QUICK VIEW		FULL TABLE				
University ranking	University name	Overall score	Entry standards	Student satisfaction	Research quality	Graduate prospects
1	University of Cambridge <a href="#">VIEW COURSES →</a>	100%	98%	n/a	88%	91%
2	University of Oxford <a href="#">VIEW COURSES →</a>	98%	97%	n/a	87%	90%
3	London School of Economics and Pol... <a href="#">VIEW COURSES →</a>	96%	92%	78%	88%	87%
4	University of St Andrews <a href="#">VIEW COURSES →</a>	92%	100%	84%	83%	83%
5	University of Bath <a href="#">VIEW COURSES →</a>	89%	85%	80%	83%	91%

## The Complete Uni Guide: Top UK University League Tables and Rankings 2024

# Unifrog.org

- Courses
- Locations
- Short lists
- Many ways to sort: student satisfaction / research rating / teacher:staff ratio etc
- Case studies / Testimonials
- Personality questionnaires
- Super curricular
- Jobs
- Training / Jobs / Careers



# Student Finance



- Average uk student debt **£45,600** in 2023
- Will the course provide a qualification that is 'worth it'
- The student pays the debt or education 'tax', once earning over a certain amount
- Grants are available for low income families
- Look for scholarships/bursaries
- Student finance are very helpful and act with discretion



# Post 18 - St George's School system



UCAS system/UK system based around **grade prediction**



**OCTA**



**Best Likely Grades**



**UCAS Grades**



**OCTA:**  
**What we think you will**  
**ACTUALLY get**



# OCTA Grade

- Professional judgement of teacher
- Based on all forms of assessment (including Mocks)
- Based on past and expected progress
- Can be split e.g. A/B



**Best Likely**  
**What we think you**  
**COULD get**



# Best Likely Grades

- Optimistic but realistic (over 99% accurate or generous)
- Not lower than OCTA
- **Non-negotiable** (*parents or students*)
- Over 99% accurate or generous
- Provisional June - Final in September
- Can be split A/B or B/A



**UCAS**

**Best likely or better  
but NOT OCTAs**



# UCAS Predicted Grades

- Normally, Final BL = UCAS prediction
- Determined by the 6th Form Leadership Team & evidence based
- Whole grades (no splits!)
- Sometimes UCAS > BL grade
- 'Appeal Day' in Autumn
- Consider institutions which would take you if you did no better than your BL



# Importance of Year 12 exams

If students want the best possible UCAS predictions, they must make every piece of work and assessment count.



# Parental Support



# What can I do as a Parent?

- What have they researched so far?
- Is further study the best option for them; will it be 'cost effective'?
- Talk about different options
- Do the subjects / Best Likely Grades / GCSE grades etc match the course or job requirements?
- Read their personal statement to ensure it represents them accurately and is grammatically correct / focused on the subject
- Remind them to stick to deadlines
- Encourage them to visit places of study or employment (2 days only)
- Let them be independent but support them through any disappointments
- Let us know of alternative plans



# School Support

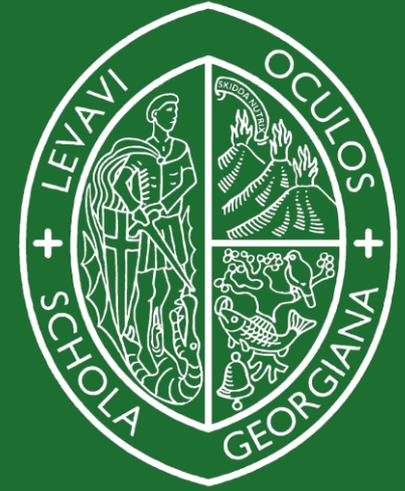


# School Support

- Info given to students: Applying to University; Taking a Gap Year; Work, Training and Apprenticeships; Oxbridge; Medidentivets; key points about uni applications; UCAS timeline
- Friday 5's
- Unifrog work
- Supercurricular activities (all added into google classroom)
- Work Experience & Activities Week



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Thank you for listening  
Q&A?

