

Whether students are applying to University or are intending to seek employment or a gap year, it is very important that they research thoroughly before making any decisions. Here are a few suggestions about where to begin their research:

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) – this is a comprehensive website which offers so much more than just information about applications
- [www.whatuni.com](http://www.whatuni.com) – this website enables you to compare courses and universities
- [www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance) – this website contains information on tuition fees, student loans and all the financial implications of further education
- [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) – website for national apprenticeship schemes
- the following websites are useful as they offer a range of alternatives for students with A levels/BTECs who decide not to go to University (including information on degree apprenticeships):  
[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)  
<https://allaboutapprenticeships.co.uk>  
[www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk)
- [www.youthoria.org](http://www.youthoria.org) – website for 11-19 year olds in Cambridgeshire – includes training, apprenticeship and employment opportunities

**We have included handouts with details on the UCAS entry tariff and applying for apprenticeships within this booklet**

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS TO SUPPORT POST-18 STUDENT CHOICES





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## KEY DATES FOR YEAR 12/13 2019-2020

13 March <b>20 March</b>	Future Pathways Evening <b>Parents Consultation Evening, Assessment Reports issued</b> Mock examinations preparation week <b>Mock examinations take place</b> Assemblies for Year 12 on choosing careers and courses All students attend 'tracking' mentoring with tutors All students to complete a draft personal statement and CV	<b>September – November</b>  October (date tbc) <b>15 October</b>  November <b>29 November</b>	<b>UCAS Application forms filled in, References written</b> Rotary Club Mock Interviews <b>LAST DAY for applications for Oxford or Cambridge Universities and for Medical courses</b> Oxbridge practice interviews <b>Sixth form deadline for support with UCAS online application forms, personal statements and references</b>
W/c 6 May <b>13 – 24 May</b> June onwards	<b>CV Presentation</b> Mock Results Day, Assessment Reports issued <b>Higher Education Convention at Bedford University for all students</b> 'Destinations' events, including Lincoln University presentation 'How to write a Personal Statement', and destinations interviews	15 January 2020  <b>January/February 2020</b>  January – April 2020	<b>LAST DAY for applications to all other universities and colleges</b> <b>Further interview practice and guidance for students seeking employment</b> Interviews and/or offers made and opportunities to visit universities and colleges
<b>5 June</b> 12 June	<b>Tutors and KS5 team review each student's progress and target support where needed</b>	<b>January – June 2020</b> February/March 2020 <b>March – June 2020</b>	<b>Apprenticeship practice interviews</b> Applications open for student loans <b>Students confirm firm and insurance choices</b>
<b>21 June</b>	UCAS Students begin to choose five universities and/or colleges to which to apply	May – June 2020 <b>13 August 2020</b>	Final examinations take place <b>A level/BTEC Results Day</b>
4 and 5 July**			
<b>July</b>			
July/August			

(\*\* Students shall receive letters outlining, in more detail, the programme for these events)