

Future pathways

1. Watch the links for both options.

Some big decisions are ahead of you. It's okay if you are unsure about your future. Use this session to explore your options.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyHi709hiRU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4qA3pd5xNA>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWkYfJu5xGs>
<https://vimeo.com/173753735>



Apprenticeship



University

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kgFfCWct4Q>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lu4ZuRhoM1g>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSjPW4ZMtus>
(last one from the US and a bit long!)

2. See the attached document with information about your choices. Some of the links there will appear in later slides and sessions with more detail as well.

Even for those certain on their pathways it may still be useful to watch the videos on the links provided.



Reminder!

- **Well done** to the vast majority of you completing work! There are however a small number of you who need to put in effort in the coming days and weeks
- Contact your teachers with any issues you may be having regarding to work. Additionally email your tutor and myself if you need support.
- **Managing your mental health** should be part of your daily routine – see the next slide for ideas (updated weekly)
- Some of the research for you to carry out may take weeks – if you already know what you want to apply for you can move onto looking at the applications process and personal statement writing.

Mental health tips

It is so important to check in with yourself at this time. If you are feeling distressed, try ever so small ideas to focus yourself in the present. Many people are finding routines and daily lists useful.

A range of ideas on this link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfy3382>

Bit longer but similar ideas

<https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20200429-the-new-normal-top-tips-for-good-mental-health>

Remember Kooth? They have people to open up to (sometimes talking to a stranger can be really helpful to offload) <https://www.kooth.com/>

Good link to understanding aspects of our mental health - <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>



I massively favour these ideas – click the image to follow the link

Key terms

UCAS – This is what you apply through. NO NEED TO REGISTER ON HERE YET AS WE NEED TO SET EVERYTHING UP OUR END.

You can apply to a maximum of 5 degree programmes per year, all via one form on UCAS. Although it takes some effort to make your application as strong as possible, the process is straightforward.

Personal statement – this will take the most time. You have 4,000 characters and 47 lines to state **why are interested and why you are a suitable student for the course you are applying for?** **[MUCH MORE ON THIS TO COME!]**

Apprenticeships – This pathway combines practical training in a job with study. There are different levels, after 6th form you should be entering a HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP. There are now degree apprenticeships in nursing, law and policing.

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A level
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

The basics... UCAS



For both university and apprenticeships UCAS and Unifrog are very useful search tools.

They contain search tools as well as articles to help guide you.

For apprenticeships the main site is

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

UCAS roadmap

WRITING

From May – Oct - Write your personal statement. You have 47 lines or 4,000 characters to say **why** you want to study this course. You need to show your **experiences & skills**.

RESEARCH

In May, you should be working out **what you want to study** and where you want to study it.

Some key sites include:
<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate>
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

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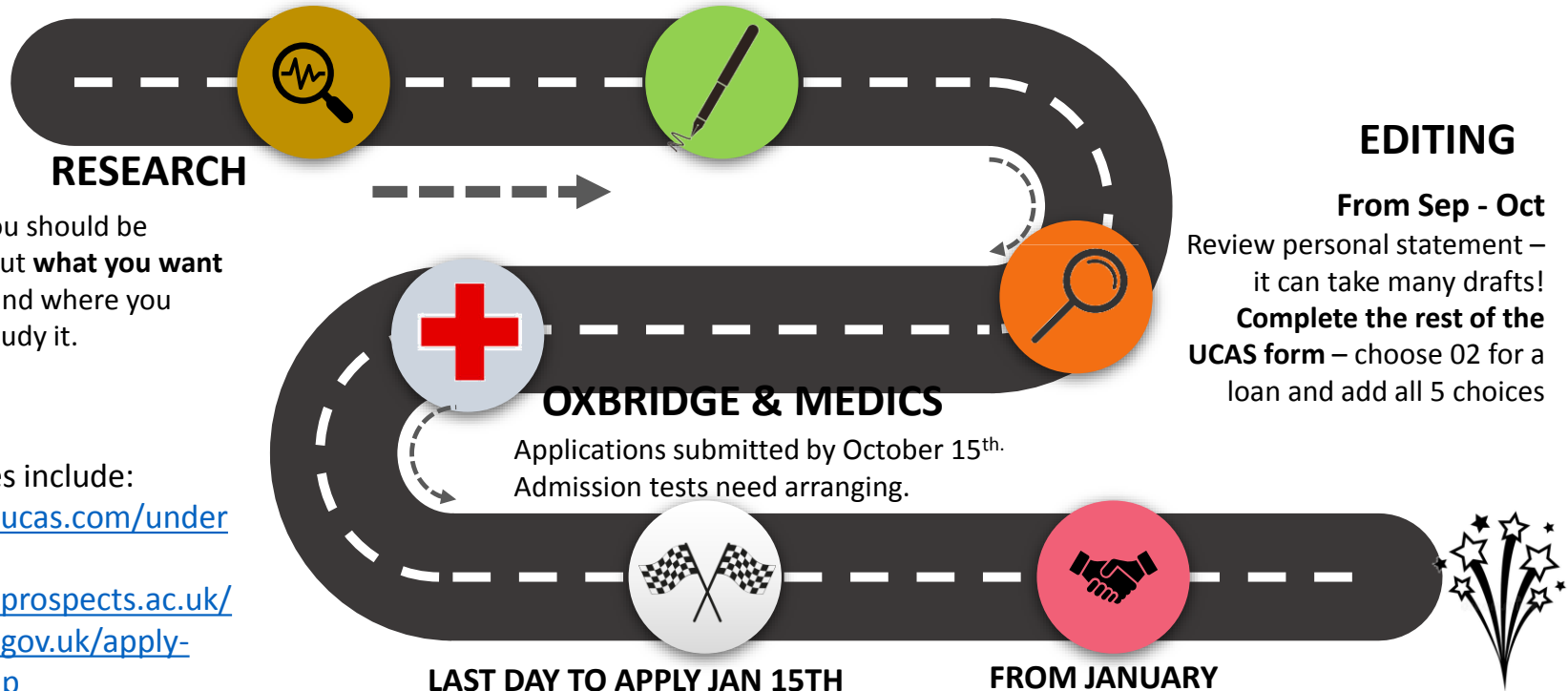
Applications submitted by October 15th.
Admission tests need arranging.

LAST DAY TO APPLY JAN 15TH
Final submissions!

FROM JANUARY
Confirm your 1st & 2nd choice

EDITING

From Sep - Oct
Review personal statement – it can take many drafts!
Complete the rest of the UCAS form – choose 02 for a loan and add all 5 choices



Ask for support from your tutors, teachers, Head of Year and Head of Sixth form

It may seem a long way away....so much useful information can be found on

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

Over a course of a lifetime university graduates will tend to earn more. (However it is difficult to always make assumptions). Certain jobs will require a degree.

Choosing a course can depend on a number of factors:

- Grades required and what the course offers
- Proximity to home
- Cost of accommodation (you can get a maintenance loan for this)

University

See the links included to help you consider what is important to you

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/news/why-do-students-go-university-and-how-do-they-choose-which-one>

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/ucas-undergraduate-what-study>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/applying-for-university/choosing-a-course/how-to-choose-the-right-degree>

Some courses will require for you to complete an admissions test or interview before being offered a place. <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/admissions-tests>

Most courses last 3 years and cost upwards of £9,000. This cost for most people is paid through a loan. You or your parents may have concerns about the costs but you do not start paying back any of the loan until you are earning over £26,575 . If you earn £27,000 you would be paying back £3 a month! It is a sliding scale, the more you earn the more you pay back.

On predicted grades...

- University courses require either grades or points (see the tariff calculator link if this applies - <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator>)
- Your teachers will set predicted grades for you that enable you to choose your preferred universities.
- We are not in a position to 'give' predicted grades currently. Whilst this may affect some of you in your thinking, there is a solution:

On Unifrog > select UK universities (under searching for opportunities) > select your A levels/ BTECS (input grades you think may be achievable) > select your course and then:



Aspirational (173)

Top of your range

 History - 3FT BA (Hons)
University of Cambridge
RG A Level: A*,A,A

Solid (66)

In the middle

 Liberal Arts - 4FT MA (Hons)
University of Dundee
TT A Level: B,C,C-B,B,B

Safe (73)

At the bottom

 Arts and Humanities with
Foundation Year - 4FT BA (Hons)
University of Leeds
RG A Level: C,D,D

As you will not be applying for some time, start to make a short list that includes **aspirational, solid and safe choices**. This way your predicted grades are not the priority but **the courses you are interested in**

Apprenticeships



- Studying whilst working often can lead to full time employment, so it is vital to choose an apprenticeship with a **recognised organisation** with a proven employment track record.
- They are incredibly competitive and you will have an interview. You do need to be persistent!
- The following websites are the best for searching for apprenticeships

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

However many Arnold Hill students have found apprenticeships through local job fairs.

Essential things needed for an apprenticeship:

- Create a competitive CV – <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/get-a-job/cv-sections>
- Create a cover letter - <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/get-a-job/covering-letter>

Choosing your sector for an apprenticeship

There are lots of things to consider:

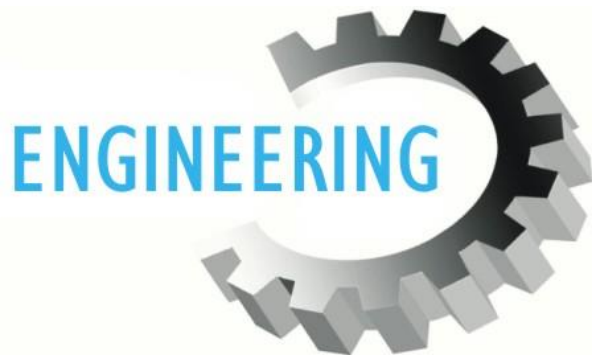
- What area am I most interest in?

You need to narrow this down first – from hospitality, engineering, nursing, policing and many more...

- How far can I travel for my apprenticeship?

The further you are willing to travel or even move will give you more options

- Do I want to live at home for the short term or move out?



RECENT EXAMPLE



Rolls-Royce

- On-the-job training and hands-on experience you need to become a technical expert
- Gain industry-recognised qualifications
- Starting salary £12,657 pa

Most common test methods include: Liquid Penetrant Testing (PT), Magnetic Particle Testing (MT), Electromagnetic Testing (ET), Radiographic Testing (RT), Ultrasonic Testing (UT) and Visual Testing (VT).

Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) Engineer Degree Apprenticeship- Hucknall

Non-destructive testing (NDT) is the process of inspecting, testing, or evaluating materials, components or assemblies for discontinuities, or differences in characteristics without destroying the serviceability of the part or system.



2 A Levels in Maths and either Physics or Chemistry at grade C.

Things to keep in my mind...

1. We would normally be starting this process in 6th form now. Utilise your time by doing your research and beginning to narrow your focus.
2. Through all of this process consider, what matters to me and what would I like for my future?
3. For university, most applications will be sent off between November and December.
4. If you wish to apply to **Oxford/Cambridge or to a medical degree** your application will need to be among the **first sent off before October 15th**.
5. For apprenticeships, applications are throughout the year but many will appear for September 2021 in March
6. We have an excellent track record for both pathways. Ask for support, we are used to this process and can help!