



Unifrog- The Complete Destinations Platform

Unifrog makes it easy for you to search for and find the best course or apprenticeship to suit your needs. The online tool brings into one place **every university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK**, as well as other opportunities such as MOOCs (online course aimed at unlimited participation and open access via the web- a great way of helping decide on a possible subject area at university).



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As a Sixth Form student, we encourage you to complete **extra-curricular activities** that meet the needs of the competencies below. This will make you a more holistic, well-rounded pupil and make you more desirable to universities and apprenticeship providers when writing your personal statement or CV.

Seven Competencies

Universities and employers look for these 'star competencies':

- **Independence**- When have you had to work on your own to achieve something?
- **Leadership**- When have you motivated people to do something positive?
- **Teamwork**- When have you worked with others to get something done?
- **Resilience**- Give an example of a time when you overcame a set back
- **Analysis**- When have you displayed strong critical reasoning skills?
- **Literacy**- When have you shown particularly strong skills in reading and/or writing?
- **Numeracy**- Give an example of a time when you have successfully worked with numbers

You will get more experience with Unifrog throughout the tutor period programme; it is integral in Sixth Form. It is important that you keep your profile updated; it will be useful to you in Year 13 and start applying for jobs, apprenticeships or university.

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UCAS- University Process



If you are planning on studying at university after Sixth Form, you will most likely apply through UCAS, a central application form for all universities. All applications for UK universities are processed through UCAS.

Preparation

1. Choose relevant A Levels for the subject that you want to study:
 - a. Medicine – Chemistry, Biology, Maths
 - b. Engineering – Maths, Physics
 - c. Law – History, English Literature
 - d. Psychology – Psychology
 - e. Liberal Arts – English Literature, Art, Drama
 - f. Not sure? – choose a variety of subjects to keep your options open
2. During Y12 take the opportunities for extra-curricular experiences:
 - a. Work experience – essential for some degrees e.g. anything medical
 - b. MOOCs – short online courses that supplement what you learn in lessons
 - c. Enrichment activities (DofE or NCS)– to widen your horizons
 - d. Moldova Trip
 - e. Go to university open days from May-July

Making an application

At the end of Year 12 we expect **every student** to begin an application to UCAS. This does not commit you going to university but does save you a lot of time in Year 13 so that you can focus on writing a good personal statement. Incorporating details of your academic achievements and your extra-curricular interests, which you will have stored on Unifrog, will allow you to express yourself as well as your love for the subject you wish to study. Mrs Lake, our UCAS co-ordinator, and your tutor will guide you through the process if you have any questions. Some universities offer places on a grades-based offer (grades ABB for example) but some will offer places on a points-based tariff. Please see below for the points equivalent for future planning:

AS Level and equivalent Points Tariff

Points	AS	BTEC/CTEC	EPQ
28	-	Distinction *	A*
24	-	Distinction	A
20	A	-	B
16	B	Merit	C
12	C	-	D
10	D	-	-
8	-	Pass	E
6	E	-	-

A Level and equivalent Points Tariff

Points	A Level	BTEC/CTEC
56	A*	Distinction *
48	A	Distinction
40	B	-
32	C	Merit
28	-	-
24	D	-
16	E	Pass



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Apprenticeships

We are aware that university isn't the right choice for everyone, or you may have found a calling or career that is best learned in 'on the job'. Therefore, we are extremely supportive of students' opting to go down the apprenticeship route. All of the Sixth Form team, including tutors and subject teachers, will be able to offer you guidance and support through any application process and will assist you with preparation for interviews if you are successful in your application.



There are various different websites you can use to check suitability for apprenticeships, search for apprenticeships, both locally or nationally and apply for apprenticeships.

www.startprofile.com - Start offers a single starting point to help simplify and improve careers guidance in schools. The platform caters for all students helping you make more informed decisions about your future study and career options.

Apprenticeships Search Sites

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-the-uk	www.indeed.com
www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships	www.unifrog.com

Opportunities

We receive hundreds of opportunities each year for students to go on visits, earn money, have work experience, bag an apprenticeship, join summer schools and more.

We publish them through the 'Engage' publication that is shared weekly. Nobody will be interested in every single one, everybody will be interested in some of them.

Ensure you are checking emails on a regular basis as this ensure you are up to date with all opportunities shared. Be proactive in engaging in the opportunities that come your way.



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