

Higher Education Information Evening Year 12

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Guest Speaker:

**Boosting your Profile: The personal statement
Olivia Perchinelli: Student Engagement and
Recruitment at The University of
Bedfordshire**

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Mr Kendall

Head of Year 12



Three key considerations for making a university application

1. Which course?
2. Where should I go?
3. What research should I do?



Which course should I do?

- Some know, most won't
- Next 6 months: crucial to making your mind up
- Guidance: factors to weigh up?
 - a. What you're good at
 - b. What you enjoy
 - c. What course might help you get where you want to go
 - d. What your parents want you to do

How can parents support?

- [Choosing the right course \(UCAS Video\)](#)



Where should I go?

Considerations:

- League tables?
- City or campus universities
- Big city/small town
- Location and transport connections
- Financial implications



What research should I do?

- **What Career/What Uni? Trip – 3rd March 2023**
<https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/what-university-what-career-live-birmingham-2023>
- Research university courses and options - UCAS, Unifrog, university websites - **research courses in detail**
- See Oakgrove's Higher Education Guide
- Attend any open days or summer schools (when?)
- **Progression Day in School- 7th July**
- **Summer: start preparing personal statement/application**

How can parents support?



Mr Adamson

The UCAS Process

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Year 13 – Sep-Oct

- No changes to the system for 2024
- Arrive on first day of term with personal statement or CV
- Complete your personal statement in Unifrog
- Enter personal/exam information on UCAS Form.
- Pay and Send UCAS application so that we can start our checks (£27)
- **Keep in touch with the UCAS Administrator.**



Year 13 – Oct-Apr

Interviews and Offers...

- Replies come direct from UCAS
- You may be invited for an interview and/or given an offer
 - unconditional
 - conditional dependent on exam results
- Select a Conditional Firm and Conditional Insurance Offer (March/April 2024)
- UCAS Extra (February 2024) is launched for anyone who is unsuccessful with all their original choices



Student Finance

- [Apply for Financial Support \(this can be done around March 2024\)](#)

[Student Finance England](#)

Finance should not be a barrier to attending university.



The Role of the School

We provide guidance for:

- Course and college choices
- Completion of the application form
- Writing the Personal Statement

We will also:

- Provide a reference
- Check the form for obvious errors/admissions
- Send the form to UCAS

BUT... this is not our application... it's YOURS



Mrs Sheard

Employment and Apprenticeships

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Apprenticeships/Employment – things to consider

- Applications will need the same evidence as UCAS: qualifications, experiences etc. but in addition - evidence of employability
- Will still need forward-planning, if not more so...
- Read the information sent to your school email about opportunities
- There are far less apprenticeship vacancies than places at university - competition will be fierce!
- In many ways it is less straight-forward than UCAS – this places more responsibility on the students' shoulders to research, investigate and apply



Start Researching NOW!

- January – April – all students have a 1 hour careers meeting – impartial and individual advice and guidance with detailed action plan shared with students and parents/carers
- 4th – 7th May – Year 12 internal exam week
- Fri 7th July – Post 18 Progression Days for starting the online application process, drafting Personal Statements, Higher Education workshops and other post-18 options
- Mon 10th July – Wed 19th July – Year 12 Work experience week



Thank you for attending

- Please feel free to stay and ask any questions or alternatively get in touch with any of tonight's presenters or Mrs Sheard (Careers advisor) via email



Key Dates for UCAS applications

- **Early September 2023** – complete UCAS application and personal statement in consultation with UCAS Referee.
- **15th September 2023** – Internal application deadline for UCAS applications in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Science as well as Oxford and Cambridge applicants.
- **16th October 2023** UCAS application deadline for early entry courses (this is a Monday so will need to send by Fri 13th)
- **17th Nov 2023** – Oakgrove internal UCAS Deadline for other subject applicants.
- **31st January 2024** – UCAS Application Deadline for all courses



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