UCAS and Apprenticeship Timeline

Summer Term in Year 12 – Students create a UCAS account and complete basic details. Students choose and meet their Post 18 Mentor, begin adapting their personal statement/CV to match the subject they are interested in, search for apprenticeships/jobs/degree courses of interest and go on open days or placements.

Over the Summer Holidays in Year 12 – Students should finish the first draft of their personal statement/CV, complete work experience or volunteering and attend open days.

By the end of November in Year 13 – Complete and send UCAS application (Oxbridge, Dentistry, Veterinary and Medicine students will submit by the end of September). Those students who are applying for competitive apprenticeships programmes will need to check the application windows – some application windows open between Oct-Dec – students can get support from their Post 18 mentor and the school's careers advisor when writing apprenticeship applications.

November onwards in Year 13 – University students will watch offers fly in and will choose firm and insurance choices (top 2).

The majority of apprenticeships become active and open their application windows between Jan-April in Year 13. The length of the apprenticeship, the level of the qualification that accompanies the apprenticeship and the start date of the apprentice can all vary – every apprenticeship is different. Students will have to set alerts and keep a regular check on vacancies that become available. Students successful gain apprenticeship places throughout the remainder of Year 13.

Feb – May in Year 13 – Students going to university will need to apply for student finance and accommodation (the sooner the better).

Results Day (August Year 13) – Students will accept final University offers or go through Clearing/Adjustment if they do not have a place or want to change courses. Apprenticeship students will have most likely already got their offer confirmed but any who have offers dependant on grades will know whether they have been successful on results day.