

HIGHER EDUCATION EVENING

February 2020



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1.Apprenticeships

2.Degree Apprenticeships

3.Degrees


4.The UCAS Process

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The Value Of A Degree

- Learner Flexibility
- Employment
 - There are a rising number of Graduates who are:
 - More likely to be in employment (80% within 6 months of leaving university)
 - Less likely to be out of work
 - Spend less time looking for work
- Earnings:
 - “Attending university increases women’s earnings at age 29 by 26% and mens by 6%.
- *Data from Dept. Fiscal Studies Nov 2018*


Apprenticeships I

- Include elements of on the job and off the job training
 - *Lead to industry recognized standards or qualifications*
 - *Some may require an assessment at the end of the programme (often a year)*
 - *Available to anyone over the age of 16*
 - *National Minimum Wage applies - £6.15 (18-20)*
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Apprenticeships II

- Intermediate – Level 2: 5 GCSE passes at 9-4
 - **Advanced – Level 3: 2 A Level passes**
 - *Higher – Level 4,5,6 & 7: Foundation Degree and above*
 - *Degree – Level 6&7: Bachelor's or Master's Degree*
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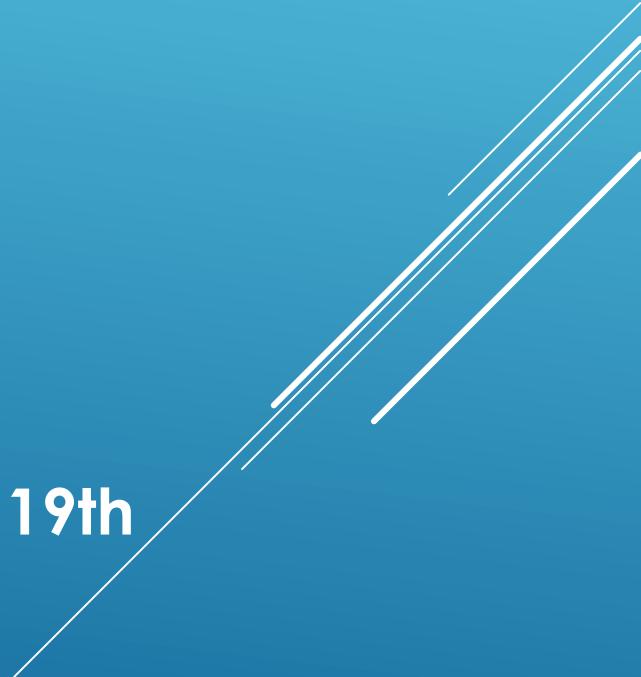
Finding Apprenticeships

- No centralized application system but
 - *UK Government Website*
 - **UNIFROG**
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Currently ...

- Currently doing three a Levels or a combination with a BTec
 - Should be researching possible institutions
 - Should have a draft CV
 - GCSE Examination Results
 - Has a UNIFROG Account
 - UCAS APPLY 2021 opens in June
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Next Steps ...

- Get a list of universities (“Aspirational” – “Solid” – “Backup”)
 - Open Days
 - Start drafting the Personal Statement
 - What have I read?
 - What have I enjoyed?
 - Work experience?
 - Teacher Subject References ready for Tutors – **June 19th**
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Higher Education Day ...

- Overview of UCAS Process
 - Refresher on how UNIFROG supports UCAS
 - University & Careers Fair
 - Personal Statements – Hertfordshire, Lancaster, Loughborough, Suffolk
 - Student Finances – Hertfordshire
 - Routes into Teaching – Bishop Grosseteste
 - Routes into Engineering – Southampton
 - Digital Construction – Kier
 - Apprenticeships – AIM
 - Sports Degrees – UCFB
 - The benefits of studying locally - Peterborough
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August 2020...

- No Public Exams (AS Results) but – L6th Mock Exams
 - UCAS Subject Reference (June)
 - UCAS Predicted Grade
 - Tutor Reference – drafting begins
 - Personal Statement – drafting continues
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September 2020...

- Important Dates
 - 2nd October – All “early” Applications should be with Tutors
 - **15th October UCAS Deadline** for Oxford/Cambridge./Med/Vet
 - 1st December – All other Applications must be with Tutors
 - **15th January UCAS Deadline** (except for some Art Courses)
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UCAS Basics...

- Up to five choices
- All “invisible”
- Early Applications increase chance of getting an Offer
- UCAS “Tariff”:
 - A = 48 pts
 - B = 40 pts
 - An EPQ A = 24 pts (An **AS** A = 20 pts)
- Can Defer entry point to 2021

UCAS Basics...

- Application consists of:
 - Personal Details (Fee Code – usually “02”)
 - Qualifications Obtained (GCSEs)
 - Personal Statement
 - Tutor Reference (includes predicted Grades)
- £25

Finances

- Tuition Fees (max of £9250)
- Living Costs (no Maintenance **Grant**)
- University Bursaries available
- Student Loan for Tuition Fees paid directly to the university (interest charged from day 1)
- Student **Loan** (means tested) for Maintenance Loan paid termly to the student (!)
- Interest Rate 2.4% (under £25,725) to 5.4% (over £46,305) – while studying ... 5.4%
- Start paying back (“Plan 2”) once earn over £2143 (gross) per month
- Amount paid back depends on salary – approximates to gym membership

January onwards ...

- Offers & Acceptance – make these when all 5 Offers are in hand
- 1 Firm (CF) and 1 Insurance (CI)
- UCAS Extra
 - 5 Choices but 5 Rejections – UCAS opens again and make more choices

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