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# Haydon School Futures Evening

# Post-Sixth Form Information Evening



- Why go on to higher education?
- What subject to study?
- Selecting a university?
- What is UCAS?
- How much will it cost?
- Why choose an apprenticeship
- Types of apprenticeship
- Finding and applying to apprenticeships
- Work experience

# Why go on to Higher Education?



- Increase your knowledge
- Get your first true taste of independence and freedom
- Gain a qualification that's internationally recognised
- Develop the essential skills you'll need in your career and working life
- Increase your earning potential
- Experience student life



# Which Subject?



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**It's important you choose a subject you enjoy and will help you reach your goals.**

- Think about what you enjoy day-to-day – maybe this could be part of a future job role?
- Explore different job sites and graduate career options to look for ideas on what you'd like to do once you've finished your studies.
- Speak to others who have studied courses you may be interested in or know you well.



# Year 12 Haydon Challenge



**A platform for success**

**All students**

- Super Curricular Activities
- MOOCs
- Community Leadership
- Work Experience



# Work experience



**All students are expected to complete 5 days of work experience at the end of the academic year – 13th - 17th July**

- This will give students an insight into a future career path, help them develop skills needed in the workplace, and strength personal statements and CV's
- **Work experience** – getting a reference demonstrates your competence in that line of work (or transferable skills)
- All students will receive a information by the end of February about Work Experience - Please read this carefully – it should explain everything clearly
- Students will need to have secured a placement by the time they return after the Easter Holidays

Please pay close attention to the two digital forms that need to be returned.

Parental consent form  
Work experience placement form

# What is UCAS?



- Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
- Time scale for applications:

# UCAS

At the heart of connecting  
people to higher education

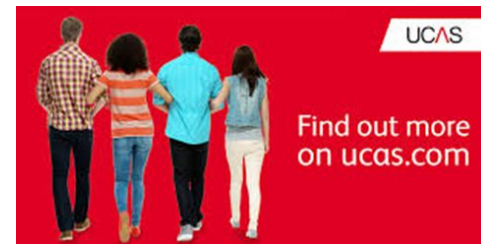
Mid October 2026	Cambridge, Oxford, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary
January 2027 *	All others

Internal deadline - Oxbridge/ Medics Oct 1 20026

Nov 2026 UCAS applications

- **APPLY EARLY!!** *Universities start making offers in late October / November*

Fee £28.85  
FSM Waiver



# Selecting a University



## **'Russell Group' Universities**

- 24 leading research intensive universities
- Not always the most selective
- Graduates from the top UK universities were earning more than graduates from other UK universities (ONS)

**TEF** - The TEF is a measure introduced by the government in England, to assess higher education providers' levels of excellence in terms of teaching and ensuring students get good outcomes

**Use comparison sites such as:**

[www.unistats.com](http://www.unistats.com)



# Choices of university and subject



- Maximum of 5 choices
- Consider entrance requirements carefully:
  - 1 or 2 choices higher than realistic predicted grades
  - 2-3 choices around predicted grades
  - 1-2 safeguards of lower grade offers
- Entrance tests / Interviews

Grade	Tariff
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

# Personal Statements have a new format



Three separate sections, each with a different question to help shape the focus of students' answers.

**1**

**Why do you want to study this course or subject?**

**2**

**How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?**

**3**

**What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?**

## Unifrog is the online destinations platform that all Haydon Students should use to:

- Research careers/subjects and find links to wider academic engagement (such as Moocs)
- Search for and compare University courses and create shortlists
- Record activities that can be used later in a personal statement
- Draft a personal statement\*



Apprenticeships



Further Education



University



+ Lots more!






All students activated their accounts today and have been on the platform

This is an example of the UK university longlist page using Unifrog, where students can rank and filter courses depending on what is important to them.



### Aspirational (193)

Top of your range

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

 **Law - 3FT LLB (Hons)**   
 Durham University  
RG A Level: A\*,A,A

 **Law - 3FT/4FT/4SW + Abroad LLB (Hons)**   
 University of Leeds  
RG A Level: A\*,A,A



 **English Law and Spanish Law - 4FT + Abroad LLB (Hons)** 

### Solid (116)

In the middle

 **LLB Law - 3FT/4PT LLB (Hons)**  
 London Metropolitan University  
A Level: B,B,C

 **Law (with International Relations) - 3FT/4PT LLB (Hons)**  
 London Metropolitan University  
A Level: B,B,C

 **LLB (Criminal Law) - 3FT/4PT LLB (Hons)**  
 London Metropolitan University  
A Level: B,B,C

 **Law with Criminology - 3FT LLB**

### Safe (107)

At the bottom

 **Law with Foundation - 4FT LLB (Hons)**  
 Durham University  
RG Foundation year

 **Law with Foundation Year - 4FT LLB (Hons)**  
 University of Sheffield  
RG Foundation year

 **Law (with integrated foundation year) - 4FT LLB**  
 Aberystwyth University  
Foundation year

# What are Admissions Tutors looking for?



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- Academic grades to meet the entrance criteria (some will look at GCSEs as well as A Levels and BTECs)
- Intellectual ability, but importantly they are looking for academic potential
- Your **Personal Statement** is your chance to prove your commitment to a subject and to furthering your education. It is much more than “just good grades”
- Personal statement process - three specific questions 4000 characters
- What can you do to develop and build experience and evidence to use on your Personal Statement?....

	Uni	Applicants per acceptance
1	St Andrews	10.99
2	LSE	10.75
3	Edinburgh	9.79
4	Southampton	9.31
5	Manchester	8.73
6	Birmingham	8.55
7	Aberdeen	8.33
8	Loughborough	8.26
9	Warwick	8.06
10	Bristol	8.01
11	King's	7.96
12	Leeds	7.86
13	Bath	7.79
14	Liverpool	7.73
15	Sheffield	7.56

# What about the cost?



**Choosing University will be the most expensive option and courses often charge up to £9,790 per year of study, but it is important to understand what support you will receive to cover this.**

**Tuition fee loans** - cover the full cost of your course, are paid directly to the course provider, and you won't have to pay it back until after your course, when you're earning above a certain level.

**Maintenance loans** - can be applied for at the same time, lending you money at the start of each term to help with living expenses. How much you get depends on your household income, where you study, where you live and how long for. As with Tuition fee loans you won't have to pay it back until after your course, when you're earning above a certain level.



## Example

- Student graduated with a 2.1 from Brunel University London
- They studied Mechanical Engineering MEng
- Starting salary is £30,000
- **Repayment threshold: £25,000**



**£30,000 per year**

Approximately £2000  
monthly net pay

9% of £5000 = £450

Monthly repayments  
of £37.50  
approximately

**Student loan written  
off after 40 years**

# Other Sources of funding



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- University Bursaries
- Scholarships
- Disability or learning support allowances
- University hardship funds
- Corporate sponsorship



# Student Finance Key Messages



1. Fees are **not** paid upfront
2. Repayment is only made when the student is **earning above the threshold** - the repayment threshold is £25,000
3. Student loans will **never** involve debt collectors or be passed onto another family member
4. Any remaining loan will be **written off** after 40 years
5. Student loans **do not** go on credit files



It is important to remember....



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## UNIVERSITY IS NOT FOR EVERYONE

National Apprenticeship Show  
10th and 11th February 2026

15:30 – 18:00



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# Levels of apprenticeship



Apprenticeship Type	Value of qualification	Equivalent to academic study	Typical entry Requirements
<b>Degree Apprenticeship</b>	Level 6 & 7	Bachelor's degree or Master's degree	A Levels (UCAS points score)
<b>Higher Apprenticeship</b>	Level 4 & 5	Certificate of Higher education or Diploma of Higher Education	A Levels (UCAS points score)
<b>Advanced Apprenticeship</b>	Level 3	2 A Levels or IB	GCSE 9- 4
<b>Intermediate Apprenticeship</b>	Level 2	5 GCSEs A*-C	GCSE pass at 3 - 1

# Higher and Degree apprenticeships

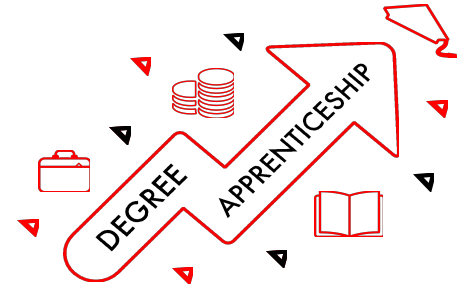


**They offer many of the benefits of higher education without the cost as your tuition fees are paid for by your employer and the Government. You will not only be learning, but earning a salary, from day one.**

Universities offer their degree apprentices exactly the same student experience as other students, so you will still have access to the student union, sports facilities, student discounts etc.

With an apprenticeship, you gain the competitive advantage of gaining at least 3 years' work experience whilst completing your degree.

But remember – it's hard work as a degree apprentice. You'll be working full time **and** fitting in the equivalent of a full time degree alongside it. It might take a bit longer, 4 years instead of 3, but you'll achieve exactly the same degree.



# Range of employers

**AIRBUS**



British Gas

★ **PRET** ★

JAGUAR



**BBC**

**pwc**

**BAE SYSTEMS**

**pets  
at home**



**gsk**



**NHS**

**FUJITSU**

**sky**

**Specsavers**



**itv**

**ASOS**  
discover fashion online



**NetworkRail**



BRITISH AIRWAYS

**IBM**

**Coca-Cola**  
EUROPACIFIC  
PARTNERS

**Dunelm**

**edf**

**ROYAL  
AIRFORCE**

**GREENE KING**  
BURY ST EDMUNDS

**HSBC**

**amazon**

**ARMY**  
BE THE BEST

**TUI**

**Capgemini**

**TONI&GUY** | LONDON FASHION WEEK

## Select Vacancies below

Pick the best vacancies for you by ranking, filtering and searching. Click next when you're done.  
Stuck on a strange term? Check out the [glossary](#) v



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Rank v

Filter ^

Keyword search

All distances

300 miles

200 miles

100 miles

50 miles

20 miles

10 miles

5 miles

2 miles

Scotland

All start dates

Within 2 weeks

Within 4 weeks

Within 2 months

In 2+ weeks

In 4+ weeks

In 2+ months

All types

Apprenticeships

Traineeships

Degree apprenticeships

Disability Confident

Unifrog  
apprenticeship  
tool

### Intermediate (16)



Equivalent to GCSEs

### Advanced (77)

Equivalent to A-levels



### Higher / Degree (51)

Equivalent to Foundation / Bachelor's

 **Financial Services Apprenticeship**  
 DST Financial Services International Limited  
Distance: 22 miles

 **1st, 2nd Line I.T. Apprentice**  
 Socitm Limited  
Distance: 57 miles

 **IT Support Apprentice**  
 ALPHA SCAN COMPUTERS LIMITED  
Distance: 71 miles

 **Field Engineer - Advanced Apprentice**  
 BT  
Distance: 1 miles

 **Networking Engineer Apprenticeship**  
 Virgin Media  
Distance: 5 miles

 **Field Engineer - Advanced Apprentice**  
 BT

 **IT Support Apprenticeship**  
 WEBUYANYELECTRONICS.COM LIMITED  
Distance: 0 miles

 **Cyber Security Professional Level 6 (Integrated Degree)**  
 BT  
Distance: 1 miles

 **Level 6 Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship programme**

# Key Dates



## Spring Term

Research future courses and source work experience placement

2nd March Oxbridge Evening

## Summer Term

**13<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April**– UCAS exams

**May** – Work experience placement secured

**July (exact date tbc)** – Higher education Day – registering for UCAS and starting application / or CV writing + interview workshops

**6<sup>th</sup> July** – Deadline for draft of personal statement

**13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July** – Work experience week

**17<sup>th</sup> July** - Last Day of term

## Autumn Term

**15<sup>th</sup> October** – Oxbridge & Medicine application Deadline

**1<sup>st</sup> November** – Internal Deadline for all other University Applications

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A graphic illustration of two hands, one on the left and one on the right, reaching towards each other and holding a banner. The banner is a dark, semi-transparent shape with the word "FUTURE" written on it in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The hands are rendered in a dark silhouette style. The background is a light, hazy sky with soft clouds.

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