

# Information Evening



Achieving individual excellence in a caring community

## We hope you have an informative and helpful evening

### The structure of the evening is in two parts.

#### 1. Presentation

Higher education and apprenticeships

Mrs Baker-Perkins (Head of Year 12) and Mr Gosling (Assistant Headteacher) in St Mary's Hall

This will take place in two time slots **6.30pm and 7.15pm** 

There will be opportunity after each talk to ask further questions on an individual basis

**2. University fair** In the Canteen

6.30-8.30pm



#### Universities represented

- Brunel University
- Cardiff University
- Coventry University
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Swansea University
- News Associates/The School of Journalism
- University Campus of Football Business
- University of Bath
- University of Bristol
- University of East Anglia
- University of Glasgow
- University of Kent
- University of Law
- University of Leeds
- University of Nottingham
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Reading
- University of Roehampton
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of West London



#### We also have in attendance:

- Ask/Education Development Trust
- London Borough of Hillingdon
- Metropolitan Police
- Our Year 13 Leadership team and prefects

We do encourage students looking at entering the workplace or applying for an apprenticeship to attend one or more of the following larger jobs fairs

• Heathrow Career Fair

24th February 2023 - 11:00 to 14:00 https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heathrow-career-fairtickets-516647605897

• National Apprenticeship Show

Wednesday 1 March 2023 09:30 – 18:00 https://nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/london-se/

• Jobs and Careers shows:

https://allevents.in/london/job-fairs

• London Job Show

21st & 22nd April https://www.londonjobshow.co.uk/shepherdsbush/ want-to-visit/



#### What to do after this evening

- Continue discussing which subject/course you would like to study/train in. You should be interested enough to study it for three, possibly four, years.
- Ensure you log in to Unifrog regularly. This tool is an excellent way to browse through the various Universities and the courses they offer – it is extremely user-friendly. It also has an apprenticeships section for those students who do not intend to go to University. Every student will be given the code to enable them to set up and login.
- If you intend to apply for Oxford, Cambridge and/or a medicine related course you should attend Haydon Scholars Club. Begin practising the test required for your course - you should approach it like another Alevel. Additionally, you should attend the Oxbridge Evening on the 20th February.



#### What to do after this evening

- Start to narrow down a University / Apprenticeship choice (once you have decided on your subject)
- Attend University taster days / Jobs fairs to get a
  better picture of what that University/course has to
  offer you are able to take three days of authorised
  absence to attend these if they are not available at
  weekends and holidays. You have to apply for this in
  advance using the University Open Day Visit Form.
- Begin to think about your Personal Statement.

  Remember it should be 80% academic and 20% extra-curricular (90% academic for Oxbridge). You will need to show an interest in your subject e.g. Wider reading, attendance at taster days, lectures, summer schools Super Curriculum etc. You should log any activity you do which demonstrates this on Unifrog Activity tool, so you can build a bank of evidence to use later in the year. Visit our Super Curriculum page on our website: www.haydonschool.com/supercurriculum



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- Look for Leadership/ Volunteering Opportunities in and outside of school, to help develop and demonstrate key skills that you can write about in your personal statement/C.V. Alongside this make sure you secure a meaningful work experience placement.
- Ensure you do well in UCAS exams (mock exam grades at the end of Year 12). Your predicted grades for A-Level will also be based on your UCAS exam grades alongside your end of topic tests throughout the year. The predicted grades are what will be declared on your application to UCAS or an apprenticeship and it is crucial they are the best they can be.





### **Key Dates**

#### Spring Term

20th February - Oxbridge Evening

#### **Summer Term**

April - Work experience placement secured

17th-28th April- UCAS exams

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

5th July - Deadline for draft of personal statement

10th-14th July – Work experience week

#### **Autumn Term**

**15th October** – Oxbridge & Medicine application Deadline

**1st November** – Internal Deadline for all other University Applications



#### **Useful websites**

www.unifrog.org - the online destinations platform - all students should be using this on a regular basis

#### University applications:

· ucas.com

#### University research:

- university.which.co.uk
- unistats.com
- · opendays.com

#### University funding

- gov.uk/student-finance
- gov.uk/student-finance-calculator
- scholarship-search.org.uk
- grantfairy.com

#### Finding extra reading/online courses

- futurelearn.com
- myheplus.com

#### Finding voluntary opportunities

- vinspired.com
- do-it.org

#### Apprenticeship applications / research

- gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- · apprenticeships.org
- amazingapprenticeships.com
- notgoingtouni.co.uk
- milkround.com

Leaders and staff are ambitious for their pupils. Leaders have prioritised the creation of positive relationships between pupils and staff in order to help pupils succeed in all aspects of school life.

