

What to do after Future's week

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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 has been given the code to enable them to set up and login.
- 3. Start to narrow down a University / Apprenticeship choice (once you have decided on your subject)**
- 4. 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 weekend and holidays. You have to apply for this in advance using the University Open Day Visit Form.
- 5. Begin to think about your Personal Statement.** Remember it should be 80% academic and 20% extra-curricular. You will need to show an interest in your subject e.g. Wider reading, attendance at taster days, lectures, summer schools 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.
- 6. Look for Leadership/ Volunteering/ Work experience Opportunities** in and outside of school, to help develop and demonstrate key skills that you can write about in your personal statement/C.V. There are currently lots of online and virtual opportunities that are all posted on our online Sixth Form student opportunities board which is updated regularly - **[Tinyurl.com/y9gyykf5](https://tinyurl.com/y9gyykf5)**
- 7. 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. these are what you will declare on your application to UCAS or an apprenticeship and it is crucial they are best they can be.

Key dates (These may be subject to change due to COVID19)

Summer Term

May/June UCAS exams (internal subject exams used to decide Predicted grades)

8th July – Higher education Day – registering for UCAS and starting application / or CV writing + interview workshops

8th July – Deadline for draft of personal statement

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

Tinyurl.com/y9gykf5 – Haydon Sixth form online opportunities board

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