Welcome to our ‘What Next?’ Evening

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What a ‘successful student’ looks like

How parent’s can support

Information on ‘Pathways’ available
A ‘Successful student’ relishes the opportunity to carve out their own future.
This calls for **empowered** and **resilient** young people who can **play an active role** in navigating their own paths.
In the words of someone who would know....

Success is not final
Failure is not fatal
It is the courage to continue that counts.
So where does this leave parents?
What Next?

I know what career I want but none of my subjects help me get there.

I don’t want to stay in education. I want to get a job and start earning.

I want to do an apprenticeship but I know nothing about them and don’t know what I want to do one in.

I fancy going to Uni, but I don’t know what to study.

I want to learn on the job.

I have no idea!

I know what I want to study, but not where I want to go or any entry requirements.

I know what I want to study, where I will be going and what I need to do to get there!

I may take a year out to decide what I want to do.

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Listen, understand and encourage
Applying to university
Life Ready: The UCAS process

• Early Deadline

• Process of creating a Personal Statement and Applying

• Structured

• Keeps All Possible Options Open
Key features of the UCAS Process

Simplicity

1. Students complete an online form.
2. Produce and upload a Personal Statement
3. At this stage they submit the form to Cox Green School
   (Applicant fee - £18-25)
4. Reference and predicted grades are added
5. Application is sent to the selected universities
Things to consider as parents

Russell Group Universities
• 24 leading universities

League tables
• Research what matters to you and your child
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Research! www.whatuni.com
Considerations

- Pre-university costs- open days/visits
- Student Finance and overall cost

**The cost is manageable and there is help available!**

- Accommodation choices
- Funding and budgeting
- Scholarships – grantfairy.com
It is a genuine option for everyone

Bucks New University
Reading University
Royal Holloway University
Brunel University London
Imperial College London
Kings College London
Roehampton University
University College London
**Key dates and deadlines**

- **13th August 2020**
  - Results Day

- **3rd June 2019**
  - INDUCTION TO YEAR 13 EVENT

- **2nd September 2019**
  - Completed applications can be submitted to UCAS

- **15th January 2020**
  - UCAS Application deadline for majority of courses

- **15th October 2019**
  - Medicine, dentistry, veterinary sci/med and Oxford or Cambridge.

- **OCT Half Term: COX GREEN DEADLINE (15th November)**

- **24 March 2020**
  - Some art and design deadlines

- **UCAS Convention ‘What Next?’ Talk**
Final advice for university pathway

Listen, understand and encourage

Attend open days

Support the process
Can a child defer their university place?

Contact chosen university

The University assess each case individually

Communicate how they will;

• Make the year useful
• Keep up to date with their subject knowledge

**WARNING:**

• Some Universities will not advise taking a GAP year.
Apprenticeships

WHAT IS IT?

- A route into employment
- Training and education
- A genuine job: Earn while they learn
- Nationally recognised qualifications
- Advance in a chosen career
- 90% of apprenticeships stay in employment
Different levels of apprenticeships

**Intermediate apprenticeship**
- Level 2
- 12-18 months
- Equivalent to 5 GCSEs A* - C

**Advanced apprenticeship**
- Level 3
- 18-48 months
- Equivalent to 2 A-levels

**Higher & degree apprenticeships**
- Levels 4, 5, 6, 7
- 24 months+
- Equivalent to foundation degree level+

Plus knowledge, competence, and employability skills
Apprenticeships

Fantastic opportunities 28,000 apprenticeship vacancies

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

- Business Administration/Finance
- Construction
- Media
- Catering
- Sales and Marketing
- Travel
- Engineering
- Retail
- Child Care
- Sport
- Health and Social Care
My journey (Megan)

• I applied to both uni and apprenticeships
• I applied to AWE, GSK, Mars, Lonza, Biogen, AbbVie, Syngenta and Noumed life sciences.

Application process
• Long and laborious
• Online assessment and maybe an interview

Selecting the right choice
• Offered apprenticeships at AWE, Mars, Noumed and Lonza. I picked AWE
• I got declined by GSK and at that point GSK was the only place I wanted to go 😞
Taking a Gap Year:

- Volunteering or working abroad
- Travelling
- Improving skills
- Learning a different language
- Getting involved with land or sea conservation and science
GAP YEAR – Timeline

• Research May - January 2019/20
• Finish exams June 2020
• Defer entry to University
• Begin University/Employment September 2021
• 15 months GAP year
USA UNIVERSITY SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

- STUDY FOR AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE
- FULL TIME TRAINING AND GAME SCHEDULE
- SCHOLARSHIPS AND NEED BASED AID AVAILABLE
## Applying for USA Scholarships

### What are the requirements?

- 5 GCSE’S (IDEALLY A-C)
- A-LEVEL AND/OR BTEC QUALIFICATION
- ENTRY TEST (SAT OR ACT)
- COMPETING IN HIGH LEVEL SPORT
- DETERMINATION

### How do you apply?

- COMMON APPLICATION
- EXTENSIVE VIDEO FOOTAGE
- SHOWCASE EVENTS
- TOURS (EAST AND WEST COAST)
Dates for your diary:

What Next PSHE session: Monday 3rd June
Mock Exams: Monday 17th June – Friday 28th June
Work placement weeks: Monday 15th – 19th July
Careers meetings: Term 6 – ongoing