



Year 13 Parent information evening – what next?

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Sixth Form Team

- ▶ **Support from the Sixth Form team:**

- ▶ Ms Gray, Assistant Principal–Post 16 Education/Head of Sixth Form

- ▶ Miss Gardner, Assistant Head of Sixth Form

- ▶ **Mrs Clark, Academic and Well-Being Mentor**

- ▶ **Mrs Davis, Year 12 Supervisor and administrator, Ext 3309**

- ▶ Mrs Meakin, Year 13 Supervisor and Administrator ex 3260

- ▶ We encourage our students be more independent by asking them to come directly to us if they have any issues or problems. Please support us by reinforcing this behaviour.

- ▶ Any queries, please call Mrs Davis, on extension 3309 in the first instance or email FF-SixthFormTeam@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Attendance

- ▶ More than ever, attendance is vital and we need your support in ensuring that our students meet the Academy standard of 97%.
- ▶ Every lesson missed damages their final chances.
- ▶ 'Catching up' work is not an option.
- ▶ Medical appointments should be out of school hours wherever possible
- ▶ Visits to universities – try to go on the Saturdays.
- ▶ If they are absent, we require a phone call as soon as possible. You can leave a message on ext. 3309, naming your child, who you are and the reason for the absence.
- ▶ In accordance with our attendance policy, Each absence will be assessed by the school and we will decide if medical evidence is required.

Key Dates

- ▶ Wednesday 5th October – Year 13 Parents Evening
- ▶ Friday 7th October – School deadline for early entry UCAS applications – medicine and veterinary. UCAS deadline is Saturday 15th October and so the last day I can send the application is Friday 14th October.
- ▶ Week commencing 9th January - BTEC January/Year 13 Mock Exam week.

UCAS

- ▶ By now, all students who are applying should have set up their application on UCAS and completed all of the Student Progress sections you can see here, apart from Personal Statement and choices.

Student progress

Personal details	✓	More about you	✓
Contact & residency	✓	Education	✓
Nationality	✓	Employment	✓
Supporting information	✓	Extra activities	✓
English language skills	✓	Personal statement	○
Finance & funding	✓	Choices	●
Diversity & inclusion	✓		

Adviser progress

Application complete	○
Qualifications checked	○
Predicted grades complete	○
Reference complete	○
Reference approved	○
Application approved	○
Sent to UCAS	○

Personal Statement Masterclass

- ▶ Students who need help with their personal statements are invited to a personal statement masterclass with Miss Gardner on Wednesday 28th September at 3pm in the workroom. They need to bring along any drafts or ideas that you have.

Education Section

- ▶ In October, we ask staff to provide a UCAS predicted grade for each student. This is a positive prediction based on their performance to date and the teacher's knowledge of the student and the effort they have shown. This is often a higher grade than the PAG grade we will issue at the same time. However, your child must ensure that they have entered their A Level/BTEC qualifications now. They will put the grade as 'PENDING' and the date as August 2023.

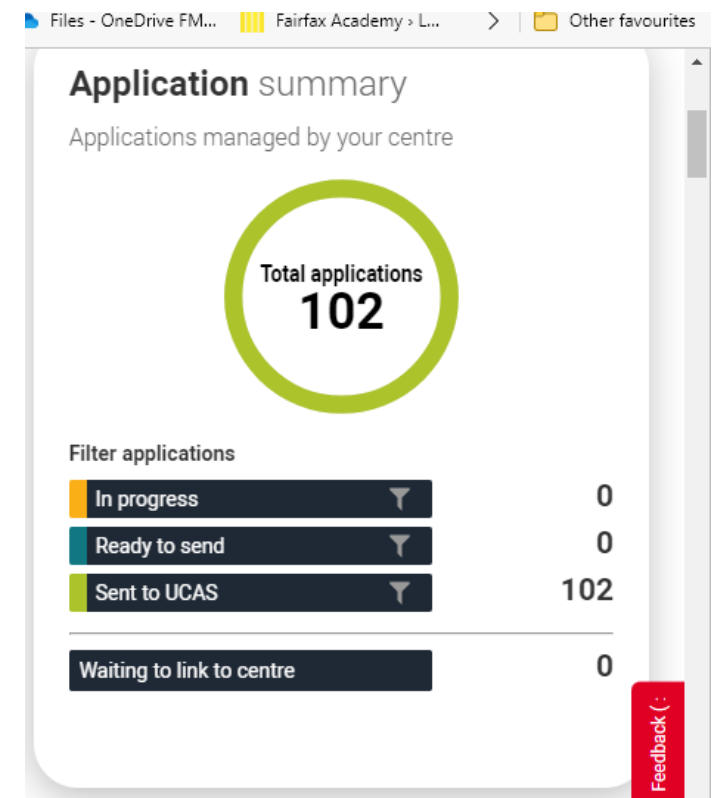
Fairfax School, Sutton Coldfield September 2016 - July 2023
National centre number: 20305
Part time

GCE Advanced Level (A-Level)

Biology		
Grade:	Date: August 2023	Awarding body: AQA
Chemistry		
Grade:	Date: August 2023	Awarding body: AQA
Mathematics		
Grade:	Date: August 2023	Awarding body: Edexcel

Release of UCAS applications

- ▶ When students are ready to send off their application, they need to pay and send the application. It will then arrive at my dashboard. This is because the students link their application to the school, and therefore, it is my responsibility to check their application and to send to UCAS.
- ▶ This is why we set earlier deadlines than UCAS as we need to ensure that all applications are sent off in time.
- ▶ With mock exams taking place when we return in January, it becomes difficult to chase students. Therefore our deadline date is Friday 9th December 3pm.



16-19 Bursary

- ▶ We are planning on moving to an online application and monitoring system for the 16-19 Bursary.
- ▶ Students will be able to log in and upload their evidence and the system will determine whether they are eligible and at what level of eligibility.
- ▶ Students will be able to purchase items through us up to the value of the bursary and this will enable evidence to be maintained in accordance with EFSA guidelines.
- ▶ We will be notifying you later this term of the full details.



Careers

Careers Interviews at Fairfax 6th Form

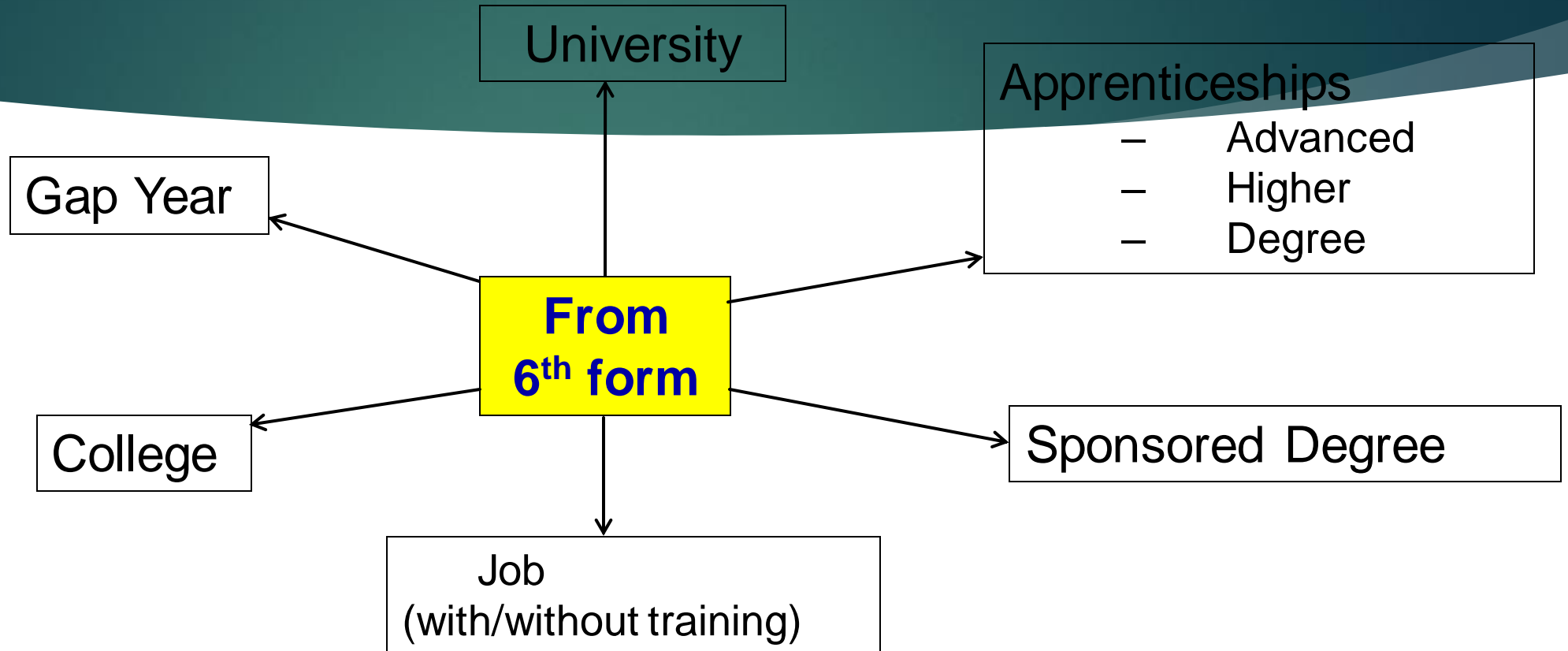
- ▶ **Mrs Knowles - Qualified Careers Adviser with over 20 years' experience**
- ▶ **In school 3 days a week – Wed-Fri**
- ▶ **1:1 guidance interviews**
- ▶ **Interviews 30- 45 minutes minutes long –**
 - Discussion with your child about what they would like to do after 6th form
 - Informal chat but an action plan is produced
 - ▶ Signpost students to research different careers

Availability of Mrs Knowles

- ▶ Based in the small office in the library/ looking to be based in 6th form 1 day a week
- ▶ Year 13 Interview:
 - ▶ Ad hoc throughout the year
- ▶ Self refer-

Pop into see me in the library or email me or ask one of the 6th form team to email me. P.Knowles@fairfax.fmat.co.uk or FF-careers@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

What are Post 18 Options are there?



University

- ▶ The 6th form team provide ongoing support for students wishing to apply for university.

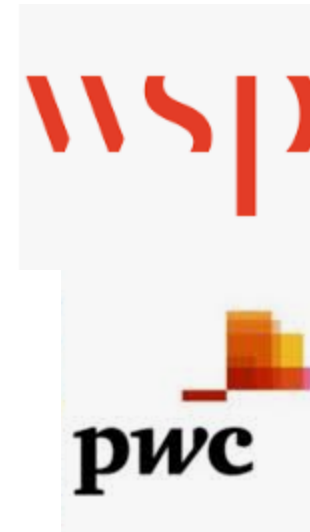
For example:

- ▶ Using the Buzzword to follow progress on all applications
- ▶ Personal statement sessions
- ▶ Talks by universities
- ▶ Allocated days for Uni open days
- ▶ School career fair
- ▶ Professional talks by employers



Understanding Sponsored Degrees

- ▶ Offered by the top companies such as PwC, Deloitte, EY & KPMG alongside WSP
- ▶ In specialised areas such as:
 - ▶ Accounting
 - ▶ Business & Management
 - ▶ Digital Technologies
 - ▶ Engineering
 - ▶ Project Management
- ▶ Attend University Full Time – of the companies choosing
- ▶ Give up some of your holidays to work in your local office
- ▶ Get paid for the privilege
- ▶ Benefits: No debt/ Full degree/ work experienced/ employed



Understanding Apprenticeships

- ▶ Earn while you learn.
- ▶ Different levels which will take different lengths of time to complete
- ▶ You can climb up the apprenticeship ladder if your employer offers it from Level 3- Level 6/7 (Masters)

Degree	Level 5/6	Foundation degrees/Degrees
Higher	Level 4	HNC/HNDs
Advanced	Level 3	A levels or <u>Btec L3</u>
Intermediate	Level 2	GCSEs 9-4s (A-Cs)

Understanding Higher/Degree Apprenticeships

- ▶ Earn whilst you learn
- ▶ Get paid a training allowance –
 - ▶ if under 19 currently £4.81*
 - ▶ If over 19 and after their 1st year of an apprenticeship = £ 9.18*
- ▶ However the larger companies pay far more
 - ▶ an average starting salary for WSP (engineering company) is over £17,000**
 - ▶ For an apprentice Police Constable £19,164**
- ▶ 1 or 2 days a week day release to university or to access online webinars
- ▶ 3-6 years to complete a full Bachelors programme = to a full time study
- ▶ Benefits: Already employed & Climb the ladder faster as you learn on the job.

What careers can I do a Higher/Degree Apprenticeship in?

- Chartered management
- Digital and technology
- Automotive engineering
- Aerospace engineering
- Banking relationship manager
- Legal
- Construction
- Chartered surveying
- ▶ Electrical systems engineering
- ▶ Aerospace engineering
- ▶ Aerospace software development
- ▶ Defence systems engineering
- ▶ Laboratory science
- ▶ Nuclear
- ▶ Power systems
- ▶ Public relations (PR)

Where and when to start looking

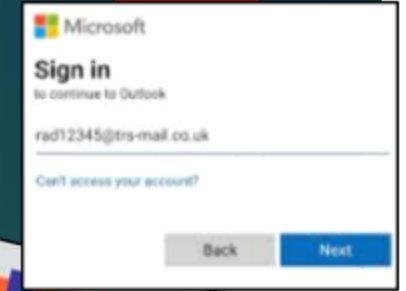
- ▶ For University-
 - ▶ Applications are already underway
- ▶ For Sponsored Degrees
 - ▶ These form part of your UCAS choices so be aware of them before applying and put them as one of your choices
- ▶ For Degree apprenticeships
 - ▶ Larger companies (JLR/WSP/Rolls Royce/The top 4 accountancy companies) recruit a full 9- 12 months before employment.
 - ▶ Be sure to be following their social media accounts and recruitment websites such as:
 - ▶ **Notgoingtouni.co.uk**
 - ▶ **Ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk**
 - ▶ **Getmyfirstjob.co.uk**
 - ▶ **Ucas.com/apprenticeships**

Helping you to decide your next steps

- Career Research Booklet
 - ▶ - Work through to help yourself – available in 6th form office
- Unifrog
 - ▶ – **one stop shop** to help you with career choices, different types of universities, studying abroad in Europe or USA, applying to Oxbridge as well as travel and apprenticeships
- Year 13 – Fri 14th October 2022
 - ▶ Mock Interviews- get an insight into what universities are looking for from you. Your interview could be anytime from Nov – April – depends on when you submit your application
- Year 13 - Career Fair –Thursday 24th November 2022
 - Range of Universities
 - Different employers and Training Providers
 - Colleges
- National Apprenticeship Week 6 - 12th February 2023
- National Careers Week 6-11th March 2023
 - Apprenticeships posted every day on @ffxcareers Instagram page
 - Career information on Screen around the school

Helping to decide the next step

- Using your School Email
 - Career information is emailed to students via their school email
- Social Media – Follow me on Insta
 - Instagram@ffxcareers
- Enrichment activities now timetabled
 - Organised to give you useful relevant information
 - Opportunity to find out about different careers
 - Personal statements & Student finance
- University Open Days
 - Happening now through to Christmas
 - Then applicant days next spring/summer
 - Essential for you to find out about the type of university
 - More information on what you will be studying
 - A chance to go to the location and spend time in the area
- Degree apprenticeships
- Look to do taster session both virtual on in person – check the relevant websites as not all offer sessions



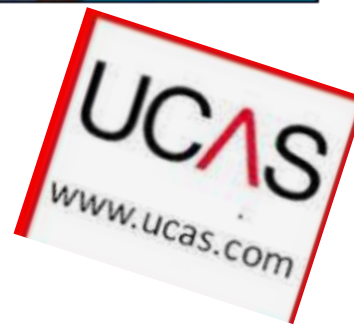
Year 13 - RECAP

- ▶ The shortest year yet!
- ▶ Make it count
 - Keep on top of your workload – be sure you are not working too much outside of school
 - Keep revising to BOOST those grades
 - Do your research on your degree courses/ apprenticeship opportunities
 - Go to Open days – even if you are not fully on board with going to uni
 - Plenty happening now through to December and restarting next spring – www.opendays.com
 - Keep ALL of your options open
 - Be following and registered on social media with the companies of your choice
 - Look to start prioritising your Uni choices (Open days will help you do this)
 - Enhance your applications by doing Super Curricular
 - – additional reading – journals/blogs or do work experience in a set area. Or try a MOOC
 - Get your UCAS application completed and sent off so you can start to receive those offers



A-LEVELS

PASS



Your Future Your Choice

MRS KNOWLES

CAREER ADVISER

DO SOMETHING
TODAY THAT
YOUR FUTURE
SELF WILL
THANK YOU
FOR

Information

- ▶ We will endeavour to keep you informed about things happening in the Sixth Form via email and through 'In the Know'.
- ▶ Information can also be found at <http://www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/academy-life/sixth-form/>
- ▶ Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter
- ▶ <https://www.facebook.com/FairfaxAcademySuttonColdfield/>
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