



Year 13 Parent information evening

Tuesday 15th September 2026

The Sixth Form Team

Support from the Sixth Form team:

Ms Blake, Assistant Principal– Post 16 Education/Head of Sixth Form

Mrs Brayley, Assistant Head of Sixth Form

Mrs Clark, Academic and Well-Being Mentor

Mrs Knowles –Career Co-ordinator and Adviser

Mrs Pollard, Supervisor and Administrator for Year 12 ext 3260

Mrs Brewer, Supervisor and Administrator for Year 13 ext 3309

- 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 your child's year group supervisor, or email FF-SixthFormTeam@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

Key Dates 2026-27

- **Friday 18th September - Early Entry** personal statement drafts to be submitted by Paper and handed to Mrs Knowles/Ms Blake
- **Monday 5th October** – School deadline for early entry UCAS applications – medicine and veterinary/Oxbridge.
- The deadlines for UCAS applications are as follows: Oxford/Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science – deadline **Thursday 15 October 2026**

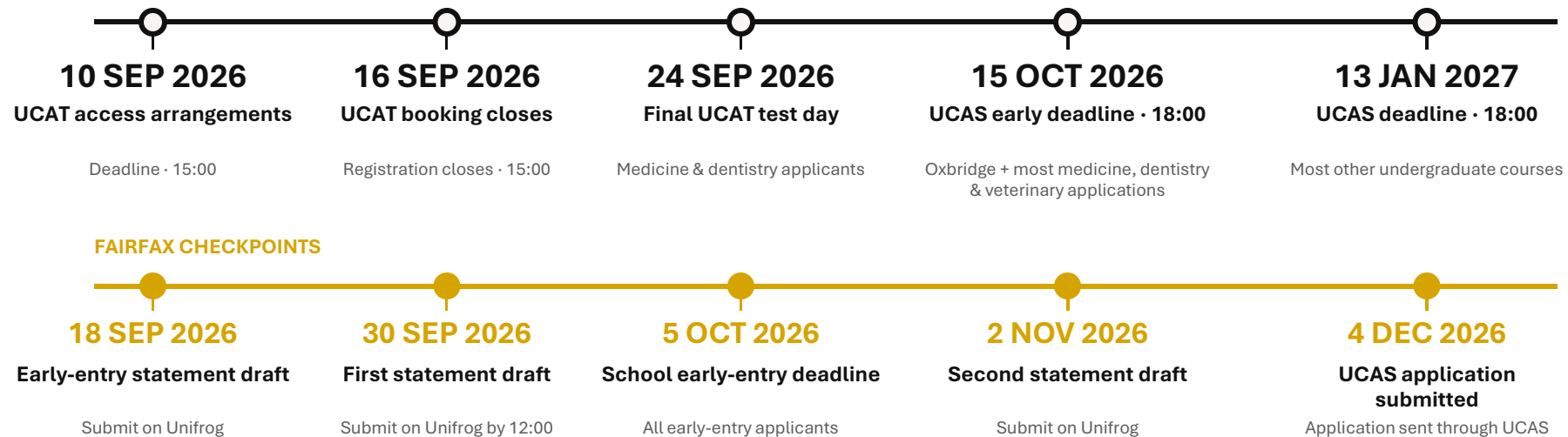
- **Wednesday 30th September** by **12pm** 1st Draft - Personal statement drafts to be submitted on UniFrog
- **Monday 2nd November** - 2nd Draft – Personal statement drafts to be submitted on UniFrog
- **Friday 4th December 2026** All applications to be sent through UCAS for staff to check before being sent off.

- **Wednesday 7th October** – Year 13 Parents Evening
- **Thursday 8th October** – Mock Interview Day
- **Thursday 22nd October** – Careers Fair – Employers & Higher Education
- **W/C 4th January** - BTEC exams W/C January
- **W/C 11th January** - Year 13 Mock Exam week.

KEEP EVERY OPTION OPEN

National deadlines and Fairfax checkpoints for 2027 entry

BLACK = NATIONAL DEADLINES
GOLD = FAIRFAX CHECKPOINTS



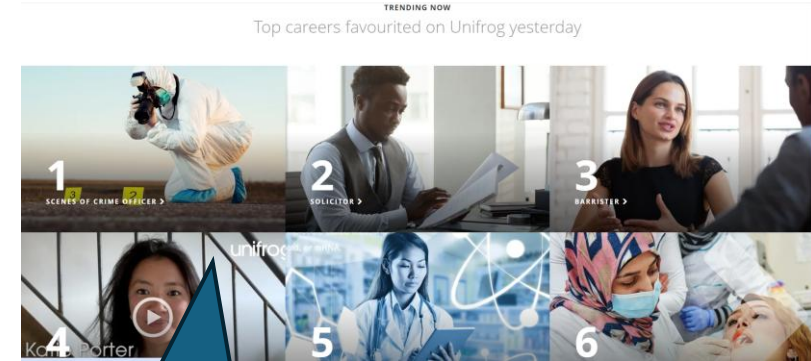
APPRENTICESHIPS

No single deadline — set vacancy alerts now and apply as soon as suitable roles appear.

Meet the Fairfax checkpoints — do not wait for the national deadline.

UNIFROG

- Unifrog is an online platform that helps students to find their next steps after sixth form.
- It helps students to compare every opportunity, then apply successfully.
- All students can now sign in with Single Sign On – SSO- though Microsoft



Over 1,000
Career
profiles

Investment banker

Also called: Investment associate, investment analyst

By advising clients on how to raise capital, investment bankers help companies grow and develop.



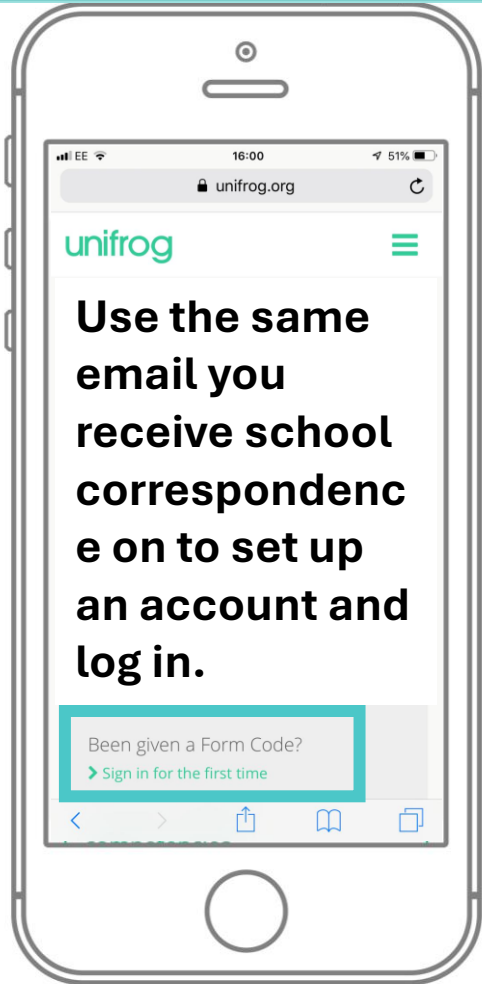
Preview
How it'll look to universities

Section 1
Why do you want to study this subject?
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Section 2
What have you done in the past that makes you particularly suitable to study the subject?
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Section 3
What else have you done that would contribute to

Parents & guardians, get signed up!



- Parents and caregivers can now have their own accounts on Unifrog, which enable them to:
- see their child's next tasks, unfinished actions, upcoming events, placements, and the interactions added by their teachers
 - try out our student tools
 - find webinars, fairs, and guides aimed at parents and caregivers

[HOME](#)[MANAGE](#)[RESOURCES](#)[FAVOURITES](#)[HELP](#)[SIGN OUT](#)

Hello Azania!

Welcome to your teacher account for Fairfax School.

[Go](#)

[Or, use the platform as a student >](#)



When you first log on to UniFrog, it gives you the option to use the platform as a student.

This will help you to navigate the website to best support students.

Careers Library

- Once on the student platform, scroll down to the Careers Library



Y7Y8Y9Y10Y11Y12Y13All tools

Quizzes

Skills profile
✕ Quiz not taken

Quiz profile
✕ 2 of 4 quizzes complete

Recording

Activities
✕ Recorded at least 10

Skills
✕ Completed all 12

Interactions
✕ Missing 5 Interaction types

Academics
✕ No Classes selected

Searching

UK universities
0 shortlists

European universities
0 shortlists

Oxbridge
0 shortlists

Apprenticeships
0 shortlists

College / Sixth Form
0 shortlists

Irish universities
0 shortlists

Exploring

Careers library
✕ Careers favourited

Subjects library
✕ Subjects favourited

Know-how library
✕ Guides favourited

Courses

Materials

UK personal statement
✕ Subject added

Subject References



Media researcher



Media researchers look up locations and details, and find interviewees or performers for TV, film, and radio.

[Read the profile >](#)



Barrister



Barristers give specialist legal advice and represent people in court. In some countries, there is no separation between this and the Solicitor role.

[Read the profile >](#)



Careers Library

Screenwriter

- Students can compare careers side by side.
- Helps them reflect on what suits their interests, strengths, and aspirations.



Montessori teacher



Montessori teachers encourage learning by doing,



Charity director



Charity directors oversee the operations of a non-



Magazine journalist

Magazine journalists research

Barrister

↩ Share



↩ Back

Labour Market Information (LMI)

Current and predicted figures relating to the Barrister profession. Median averages are shown, each with the specific career, or group of careers, that they apply to.

UK

USA

Jobs

Legal professionals

225,190

3,791 in your local area of Birmingham

Top 5 local areas

1	Surrey	6,675
2	Hertfordshire	6,120
3	Wandsworth	5,336

Salaries

Barristers and judges

£59,423

Legal professionals

£47,033

£44,827 in your region of West Midlands

Top 3 regions

1	London	£63,898
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The Careers Library provides you with...

An Overview of the role

- Typical responsibilities
- Salary ranges
- Skills required
- Pathways into the career (qualifications, apprenticeships, degrees, training routes)
- Labour market data (demand and growth trends).

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Europe

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Oxford

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Apprenticeships

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College

0 shortlists

Irish

0 shortlists

- Links subjects to career pathways and university courses.
- Shows what subjects combine well together (useful for A-level choices).
- Explains which subjects are considered facilitating subjects (important for top universities).
- Highlights the skills developed in each subject (e.g. analysis, communication, problem-solving).
- Shows how these skills are valued by employers and universities.
- Motivates students by linking classroom learning to real-world applications.

By subject area

- Arts (11) >
- Business (10) >
- Earth and Animal sciences (6) >
- Engineering and Construction (10) >
- Health (8) >
- Humanities (12) >
- Mathematical Sciences (6) >
- Modern Languages (15) >
- Sciences (9) >
- Social Sciences (13) >

By skill

- Accountability (6) >
- Adaptability / Resilience (9) >
- Artistic skills (9) >
- Attention to detail / Observation (36) >
- Caring (8) >
- Communication (23) >
- Confidence (14) >
- Creativity / Innovation (17) >
- Critical thinking (27) >

By characteristic

- Fewest students (53) >
- Least competitive (8) >
- Least study (32) >
- Most competitive (5) >
- Most students (12) >
- Most study (23) >

- Digital literacy (8) >
- Independence (9) >
- Inquisitiveness (37) >
- Listening (24) >
- Numeracy (19) >
- Open-mindedness (5) >
- Organising / Time management (7) >
- Physical abilities (5) >
- Planning (9) >

By theme

- Aesthetics (8) >
- Arguing (17) >
- Green jobs (38) >
- Helping people (18) >
- Helping society (19) >
- High salary (21) >
- Making things (24) >
- Something different (2) >
- Travel (24) >

- Practical skills (30) >
- Problem solving (18) >
- Reading (38) >
- Speaking (21) >
- Teamwork (19) >
- Technical skills (20) >
- Working under pressure (4) >
- Writing (22) >

Subject Library

- **Subject Library helps students answer “Why am I choosing this subject?” and “Where could it take me?” Reducing guesswork and boosting confidence in their decisions.**

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Know-how library

Goes beyond academics:

- Includes advice on employability skills, workplace behaviour, managing money, resilience, and wellbeing.
- Prepares students for both further study and the workplace.

Supports Independent Learning

- Students can explore topics at their own pace.
- Encourages them to take ownership of their next steps.
- Teachers can set specific guides as part of careers lessons or homework.

By employer profile [See all employer profiles >](#)



Employer profile: Drumgrange, an independent engineering company

Find out what it's like to work for a company that supports military defence

[Read the guide >](#)



Employer profile: Cooper Parry, accountancy firm and B Corp

Meet the company that's been hailed 'the rebel of accountancy'

[Read the guide >](#)



Employer profile: Hertfordshire Zoo, a UK conservation charity

Learn what it's like to work in a zoo

[Read the guide >](#)



Employer profile: Forvis Mazars, one of the UK's largest professional services firms

Forvis Mazars offer an Access Accountancy programme for Year 12 and 13 students

[Read the guide >](#)



Different jobs in...

10 guides

Find out more about the career areas you're interested in and the different jobs involved in each one.

[See the series >](#)



How to improve your writing

12 guides

Looking to improve your writing at school? Check out these tips and tricks to make your writing tip top!

[See the series >](#)



Revision

8 guides

Need some help studying? These guides will help you power through your study sessions!

[See the series >](#)

Supporting applications for university



Students are encouraged to visit a wide range of university and college Open Days. Most are open at weekends, but we permit three visits in an academic year by request.



Speakers from a variety of universities come to school to give presentations, guest lectures and seminars to the Sixth Form to help with their decision making.



Students hear talks from admission team at our partner universities, as well as take part in personal statement writing masterclasses. Students will also receive ongoing support from your Sixth Form tutors and other staff to help you create a compelling personal statement.





- By now **all students** 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.

- If you think your child requires more support with this, they need to let us know.

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	○

- Mrs Knowles has emailed all the year 13 students who **DO NOT** have a live application. - please check school emails

- If you intention is to NOT go to university please inform Mrs Knowles by return of her email

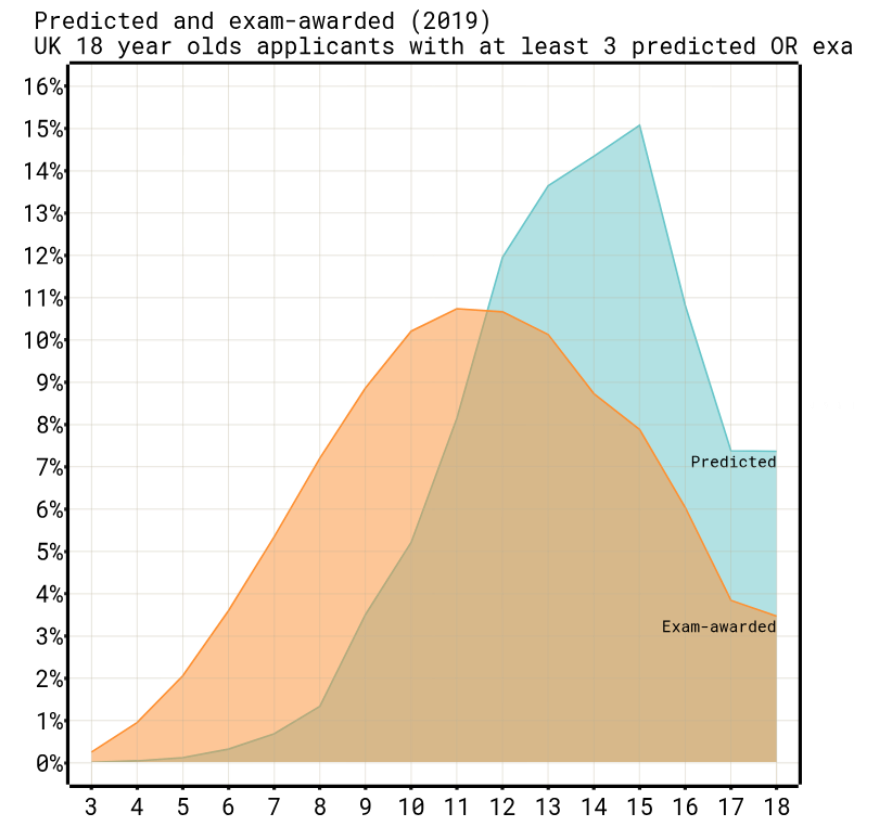
Personal Statement Support

- Over the coming weeks students will be receiving additional support from the sixth form team.
- Drop- in sessions start from early October and run to the end of November from a range of universities to help students with positive feedback
- Students applying for early entry (medicine, dentistry, veterinary and Oxbridge) will receive additional support due to their early entry deadline and the nature of their application.



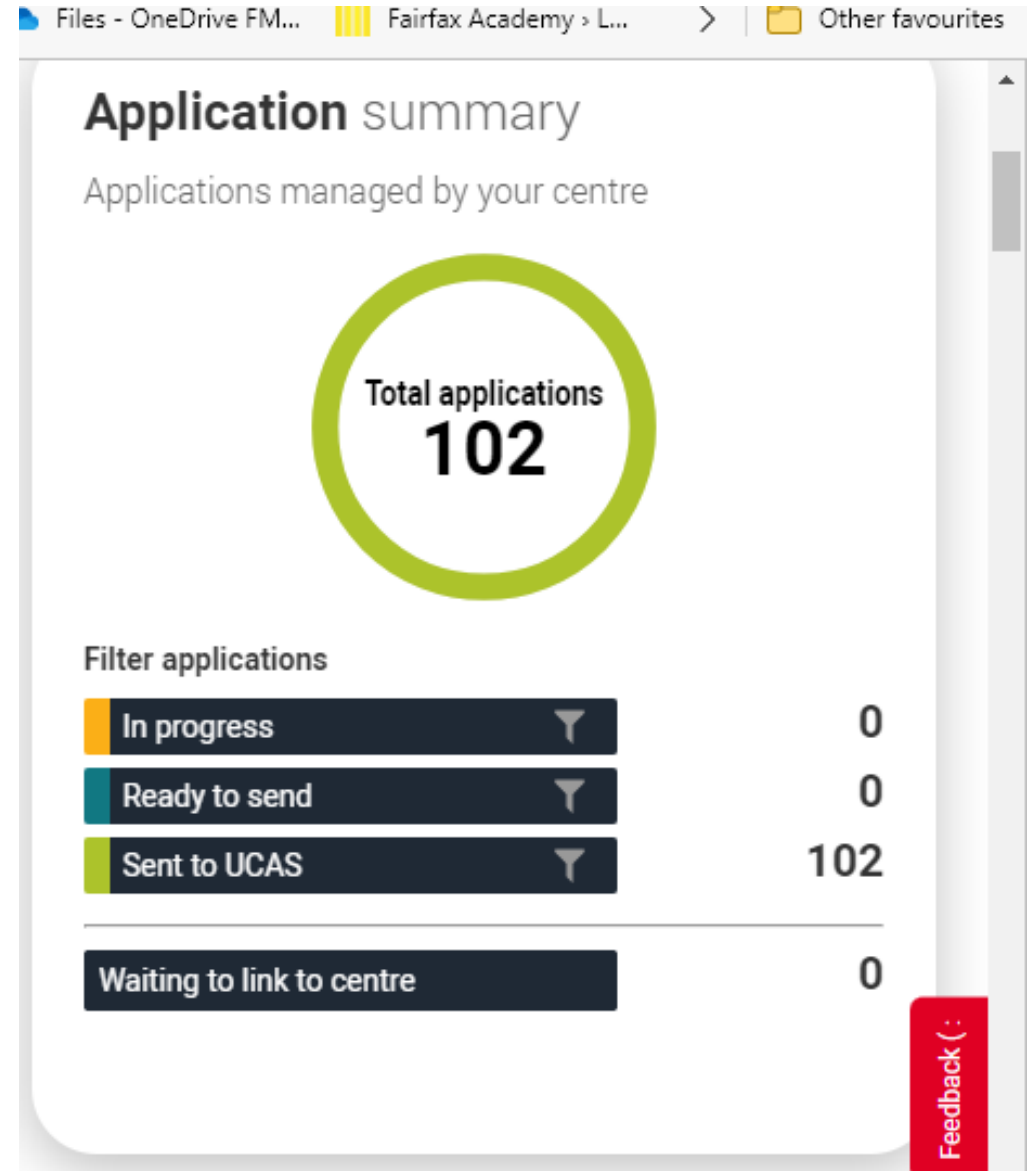
Education Section

- 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.
- 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 2027.



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 4th December 3pm.
- Students eligible for FSM will not need to pay to send their application.



Academic Mentoring

All of our students have access to our Academic Mentor, Mrs Clark who also supports the students with their wellbeing.

They can make appointments with Mrs Clark, but they are also given a regular appointment to see her, which is compulsory to attend.



Career Advice



All of our students have access to our Careers Adviser -Mrs Knowles.

They can make appointments with Mrs Knowles who will have a dedicated day for 6th formers.

Mock Interview

- Thursday 8th October
- Support students in preparation for upcoming employment, university and apprenticeship interviews.

All Year 13 students have an interview slot.



16-19 Bursary

- Students aged 16-19 may qualify to receive a bursary up to £1,200.
- You should have received a letter informing you of how to apply.
- Payments are tiered depending on income and support that you may receive so please apply if you think your child might be able to benefit.
- Students who qualify can use their bursary to purchase anything that can support their education – technological devices, textbooks, trips, stationary etc.





ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS!

Children are required by law to attend 190 school days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

89% and below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement



95% - 90%
Cause for concern



100% - 96%
Excellent



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 can impact their final chances.



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.

Safeguarding

- As we are a school setting, it is vitally important that we know where our sixth formers are always.
- Lesson registers to ensure they are in school. If the register shows them as absent, we will notify you via Iris text messaging system.
- If they leave the school site at lunchtime, they must sign out by using their pass and this will be monitored.
- If leaving at any other time, they must see their supervisor who will ensure you have given permission and then they will be allowed to leave.
- Please support us by reminding your child of the need to be signing out when they leave the school site.



Mobile Phone Ban

Our mobile phone ban is in place to support students' focus, wellbeing and learning.

Please support us by reminding students to:

- Keep phones switched off and out of sight when attending lessons.
- Follow staff instructions regarding phone use.
- Only use phones in lessons when specifically permitted by a member of staff for learning.
- Thank you for supporting Fairfax Sixth Form in maintaining a focused and respectful learning environment.

MOBILE PHONE SANCTION LADDER

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Make the
right choice.
Keep your
phone away.



FOCUS
RESPECT
SUCCEED

1
FIRST
INCIDENT

- Smartphone confiscated.
- Parent or carer required to collect the device between 3:30pm and 4:00pm.
- 30-minute detention.



2
SECOND
INCIDENT

- Smartphone confiscated.
- Parent or carer required to collect the device between 3:30pm and 4:00pm.
- 1-hour detention.



3
THIRD
INCIDENT

- Smartphone confiscated.
- Parent or carer required to collect the device between 3:30pm and 4:00pm.
- 1-hour detention.
- One full day in Refocus.



4
FOURTH
INCIDENT

- Smartphone confiscated.
- Parent or carer required to collect the device between 3:30pm and 4:00pm.
- 1-hour detention.
- Three days in Respite.



5
FIFTH
INCIDENT

- Smartphone confiscated.
- Parent or carer required to collect the device between 3:30pm and 4:00pm.
- One-day suspension.
- Two days in Refocus.



NO PHONE. MORE **FOCUS**. BETTER FUTURE.

Year 13

Parent Information Evening

Mrs Knowles

Career Co-ordinator & Adviser

Careers Interviews at Fairfax 6th Form

- **Mrs Knowles - Qualified Careers Adviser with over 25 years experience**
- **In school 5 days a week**
- **Dedicated day for 6th formers**
- **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

- Year 13 Interview schedule:

- Autumn term- Year 13s who are still unsure what to apply for

- Self refer-

Pop into see me in the library or email me or ask one of the 6th form team to email me.

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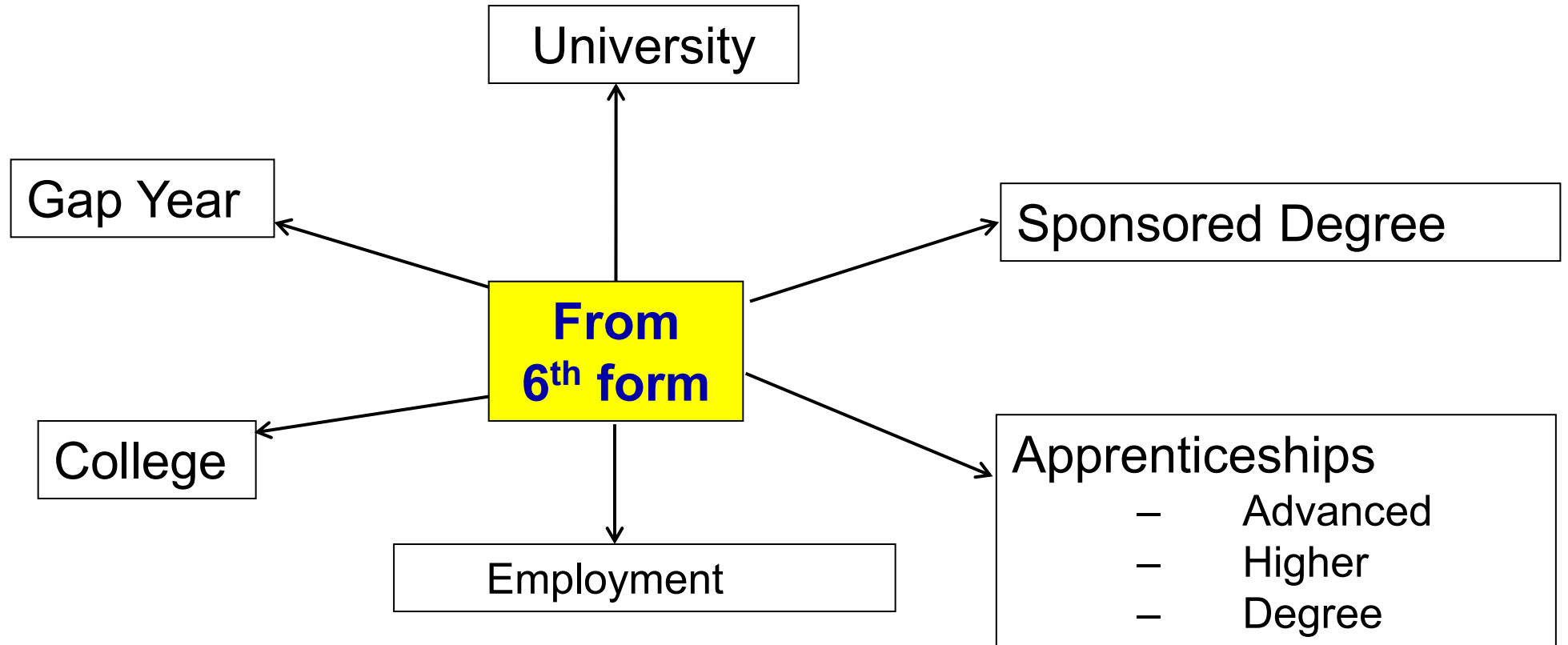
Let's get focussed

A Career Goal in mind?

- Enables students to have focus
- Work towards a grade target for university or employment
- Destination in mind



What are Post 18 Options are there?



University

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

For example:

- Personal statement sessions
- Talks by universities
- Allocated days for Uni open days
- School career fair
- Professional talks by employers
- Last year took part in the very first Future Finder Event where Alumni/recent graduates came back to speak to students



Understanding Sponsored Degrees

- Offered mainly by the top finance companies such as PWc, Deloitte,
- In specialised areas such as:
 - Accounting
 - Digital Technologies
 - Engineering
- Attend University Full Time – of the companies choosing
- Give up some of your holidays to work in your local office
- Get paid a training allowance/salary
- Benefits: Full degree/ work experienced/ employed

The Deloitte logo, featuring the word "Deloitte" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with a small green dot at the end of the word.

Bright Start



Flying Start

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 £7.55*
 - If over 19 and after their 1st year go onto National living wage
- However the larger companies pay far more
 - an average starting salary for WSP (engineering company) is between £16,300 - £20,180
 - For an apprentice Police Constable £28,551**
- 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)

How to decide the next steps

- *You can keep your options open and Apply for ALL and decide later*
- 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 - Career Fair –Thursday 22nd October 2026
 - Range of Universities
 - Different employers
 - Apprenticeship Providers
- National Apprenticeship Week February
- & National Careers Week March 2027
 - Apprenticeships posted everyday 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
 Link with me on LinkedIn and once you leave become part of our Alumni @FairfaxAcademy
- PSHE
Allocated time to research and listen to guest speakers
- University Open Days
Go to the last batch of open days happening from Oct - December
 - ***Finalise your choices***
 - ***Make sure you choose a range of unis to suit your academic ability***
 - ***Know your UCAS tariff***
 - ***Aspirational - Solid - Safe***



Thank you for listening

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