

GET AHEAD THIS SUMMER

Well done on an amazing Year 12!

You've shown real curiosity and commitment in exploring your post-18 options and building up your CV and applications. It's been a pleasure working with you – you've made great progress in preparing for what's next. Bring on Year 13!

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TOP TIP NUMBER ONE

Narrow down either your subject choices AND/OR your apprenticeship course choices to just one or two that you'd like to investigate.

Don't pressure yourself to choose straight away – but plan in a few things over the summer to help you do this.

- a short course on Springpod – there are 'subject spotlights' for university subjects and work experience courses that will help you to understand a range of job roles in a sector.
<https://www.springpod.com/>
- Attend some online or in-person taster days/open days at a university <https://www.unitasterdays.com/support-for-students/>
- Companies with large apprenticeship programmes often offer insight days or webinars for prospective apprentices – see if you can find some in the 'Meet the Employer' section of this site:
<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/student/> (scroll down and look for 'talent community' and other ways to sign up).
- If you are an aspiring solicitor apprentice, connect with City Century on LinkedIn or check their website if you're not quite ready to do that yet (see below for help with LinkedIn)
<http://www.citycentury.co.uk/>

TOP TIP NUMBER TWO

Long list then short list

Whether you have made a final subject or apprenticeship choice or not, you can probably get together **a list of 15 or so universities or apprenticeship employers** that you might consider.

Whether it's about their distance from home, their location (city, town or campus), their entry grades, or something else, it's a great idea to start to reduce the 180+ higher education institutions that are out there, down to a more manageable number that you might actually consider attending.

Once you have a list, pick two or three and **book onto their open days in autumn**. For apprenticeships, **sign up for the 'talent communities'** (see tip one).

TOP TIP NUMBER THREE

Make sure the bulk of your UCAS application/draft CV is ready before Year 13!

Prepare by giving yourself some time to do the things that you could probably do yourself; then any one-to-one guidance sessions will be more useful.

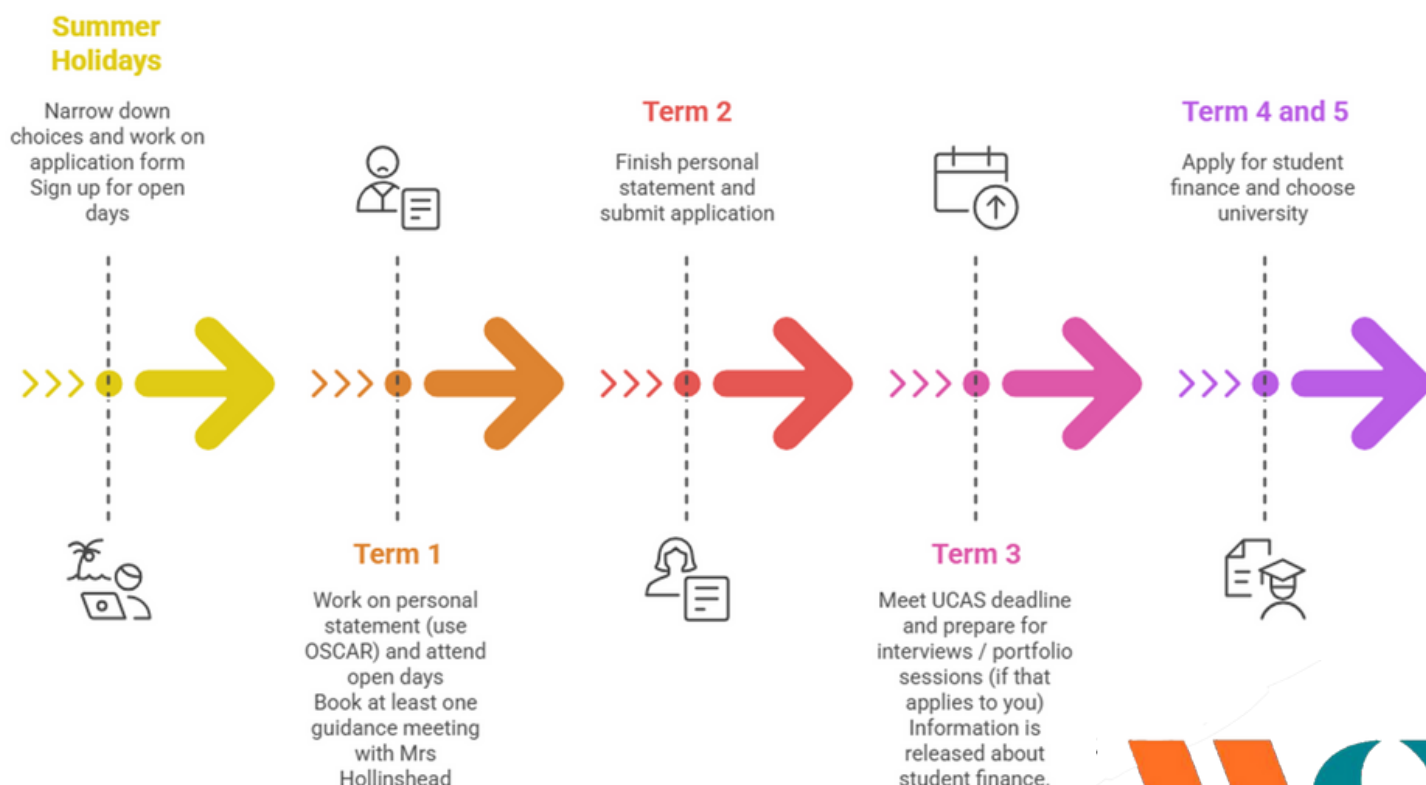
- Sign up for the September cohort of the Apprenticeship Academy:
<https://www.apprenticeship.academy/>
- Use Mrs Hollinshead's guides (sent via email) to take you step-by-step through the main part of the UCAS application.
- Use Mrs Hollinshead's template to help you write a CV that would work for a school leaver/aspiring apprentice. This was sent via email.
- Don't worry if it isn't perfect – you can bring it to a guidance session and we can edit. Just do your best with it.
- Consider setting up LinkedIn if you haven't already – this is a really good course to help you with that
<https://www.coursera.org/projects/create-a-profile-and-network-on-linkedin> Connect with Mrs Hollinshead; I can give you some tips and you can start to access our alumni networks for advice!

PLANNING YEAR 13

REMEMBER!

For EVERYTHING on this list, we will be planning support for you and your family in school. If you want to see what this might look like, look at the Careers Plan for Year 13 on the school website: <https://www.wrothamschool.com/careers/careers-plan-year-13-2024-25/>

University Application Timeline



Apprenticeship Application Timeline

