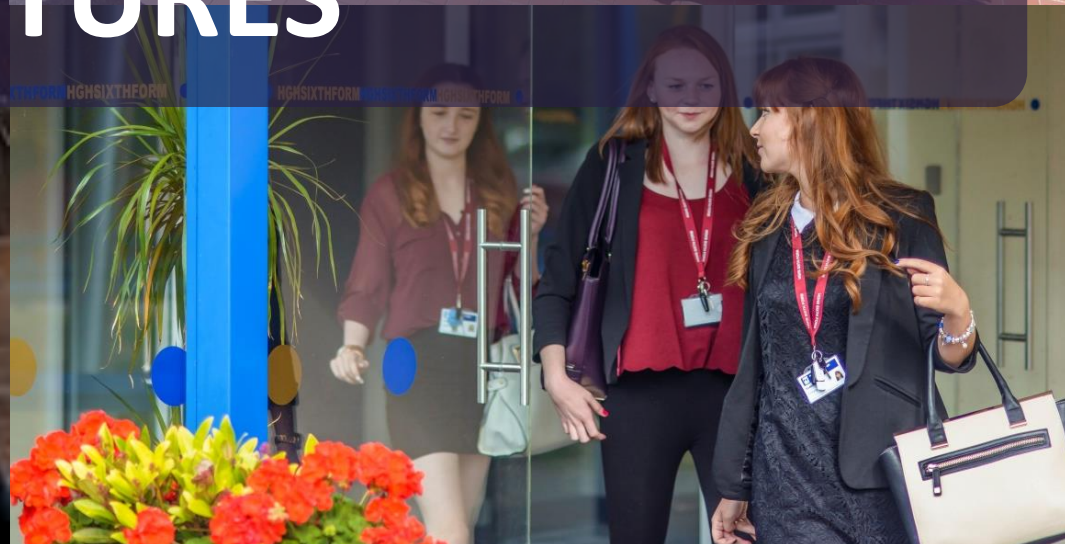


# Hazel Grove Sixth Form



FUTURES



CONTINUE YOUR **LEARNING JOURNEY** at Hazel Grove Sixth Form



# THE FUTURE

**There are lots of choices at post 18. But the main ones include the following:**

- **Go to University**
- **Apprenticeship (Higher or Advanced)**
- **Gap Year**
- **Getting a job**
- **Setting up your own business**

The UCAS logo is displayed within a white trapezoidal box with a thin grey border. The letters 'UCAS' are in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'U', 'C', and 'S' are black, while the 'A' is red and stylized with a triangular shape above it.

UCAS

# DISCUSS YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE PLANS!



# www.ucas.com

**This website is used for making the application.**

- 1. An application form**
- 2. Personal Statement**
- 3. Reference**

**We advise everyone to make an application – they never know!!!**

**You can make 5 choices for different courses at different Universities**

**It costs £25 to make multiple applications (up to 5 choices) and this covers your application, track, extra, adjustment and clearing.**

**Deadlines for 2019-20 and 2020-2021:**

**15<sup>th</sup> October – Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry**

**15<sup>th</sup> January – the majority of courses**

**24<sup>th</sup> March – some art and design courses**

**(Internal Deadline: 1st December)**

# STARTING THE SEARCH

Students can use the UCAS website to start the search:

[www.ucas.com/search](http://www.ucas.com/search)



- Subjects
- Types of Courses
- Universities
- Oxford and Cambridge Colleges
- Locations
- Tariff ([www.ucas.com/tariff](http://www.ucas.com/tariff))

Students have their own login and the buzzword is **STARS**

# STARTING THE SEARCH

Students can also use UNIFROG to refine the search:

[www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)



**UNIFROG** can help your child to filter and narrow down their choices for University Courses (including Dutch and U.S. universities), Careers and Apprenticeships!

It will help them to weigh up courses with different entrance requirements, course format, teaching methods, accommodation, city or campus universities etc...

All students have a logon for this database.



# APPLY + PERSONAL STATEMENT

**The UCAS website is where students will make their application**

- **Choose your courses and Universities**
- **Complete the Application Form**
- **Submit the Personal Statement**
- **Their tutor will submit their Reference**
- **Pay £25**

**[www.ucas.com/apply](http://www.ucas.com/apply)**

**[www.ucas.com/personalstatement](http://www.ucas.com/personalstatement)**



# TRACK

**Students can use the UCAS website track their application**

- **Wait to hear from the Universities**
- **Accept offers**
- **Decline offers**
- **Get your exam results and see if your place is confirmed**

**[www.ucas.com/track](http://www.ucas.com/track)**

# WHAT HAPPENS POST OFFER?

- Students make a FIRM choice and an INSURANCE choice
- Other offers are then declined
- Some students are required to take further tests (e.g. Oxford and Cambridge, Paramedics require a driving license and Education Courses require literacy and numeracy tests)
- Some students are invited to interviews

# EXTRA

**Students can use the UCAS website for making an EXTRA choice**

**Following offers – students might find that:**

- 1) They no longer want to study the course or at the institution**
- 2) They didn't get any offers**

**If they have a full set of 5 offers – they must decline any that they are no longer interested in before using EXTRA.**

**EXTRA is then used to make additional applications. One at a time!**

**[www.ucas.com/extra](http://www.ucas.com/extra)**

# ADJUSTMENT

**Students can use the UCAS website **ADJUST** their application**

**Following the results – students might find that they did better than expected and could apply to Universities that had higher entrance requirements.**

**Students can use **ADJUST** to contact these Universities regarding places. One at a time!**

**[www.ucas.com/adjustment](http://www.ucas.com/adjustment)**

# CLEARING

**Students can use the UCAS website for CLEARING applications**

**Following the results – students might find that they did not achieve as highly and have their offers withdrawn. Equally – they might have a last minute change of mind!**

**Students can use CLEARING to contact these Universities regarding places. One at a time!**

**CLEARING is available from July to September**

**[www.ucas.com/clearing](http://www.ucas.com/clearing)**

# OTHER INFORMATION

**You use the UCAS website to support you in lots of different ways:**

- **Student Finance**
- **Information for Parents**

[www.ucas.com/studentfinance](http://www.ucas.com/studentfinance)

[www.ucas.com/parentforum](http://www.ucas.com/parentforum)

- **Look out for Open Days at Universities that you are interested in**
- **Some Universities run Summer Schools or Taster Days**
- **EPQ/NCS/MOOKS (Unifrog)**

# TARIFF

## A Level

A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

## AS

A	20
B	16
C	12
D	10
E	6

# UCAS

An EPQ is the equivalent of an AS Level

# OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

## Applications are made through UCAS

- Students can apply for a single college e.g. Balliol or Christchurch
- Students can make an open application (to all colleges)
- You apply for Cambridge OR Oxford – not both.
  
- Testing: different faculties (not all) expect students to sit tests – there may be more than one. Students will need to find a test centre. Tests are at the end of October but students must apply prior to their application deadline.
- Written Work: an alternative to a test to be submitted in November.
- Interviews are in December and offers made in January.



# APPRENTICESHIPS

## Important jobs that students need to do...

- **Research**
- **Write a personal statement**
- **Write a Curriculum Vitae**
- **Complete application forms**
- **Draft a covering letter** (if contacting companies individually)



# Research

**Students can apply for Apprenticeships at any time.**

**There are three ways to investigate apprenticeships.**

- 1) By using a variety of different search engines**
- 2) Making an appointment at the Apprenticeship Store in Stockport**
- 3) Sending a personal statement and a covering letter to companies that might offer apprenticeships**

# Recent Employers

- BBC and ITV
- KPMG
- JCB
- Astra Zeneca
- Jaguar
- Ernst and Young
- John Lewis
- Price Waterhouse Cooper
- Boohoo
- Barclays Bank



- Research - Browse all the Websites
- Sign Up to mailing lists
- Make contact!
- Some have surveys and quizzes about careers that might help students make a decision.

Look up North West Employers.



Twitter: @NWEmployers  
[www.nwemployers.org.uk](http://www.nwemployers.org.uk)

# Where to look?

Unifrog	<a href="http://www.unifrog.org.uk">www.unifrog.org.uk</a>
UCAS	<a href="http://www.ucas.com">www.ucas.com</a>
The Growth Company	<a href="http://www.growthco.uk">www.growthco.uk</a>
Tech Partnership Degrees	<a href="http://www.tpdegrees.com">www.tpdegrees.com</a>
The Skills Company	<a href="http://www.theskillsco.com">www.theskillsco.com</a>
National Apprenticeship Service	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a>
Gatsby Good Career Guidance	<a href="http://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/focus-areas/good-career-guidance">www.gatsby.org.uk/education/focus-areas/good-career-guidance</a>
Not Going To University	<a href="http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/apprenticeships">www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/apprenticeships</a>
Career Map	<a href="https://careermap.co.uk">https://careermap.co.uk</a>
Amazing Apprenticeships	<a href="https://amazingapprenticeships.com">https://amazingapprenticeships.com</a>
All About School Leavers	<a href="http://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk">www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk</a>
Get In Go Far	<a href="http://www.getingofar.gov.uk">www.getingofar.gov.uk</a>
The Apprenticeship Store - Stockport	<a href="http://www.stockport.gov.uk/groups/the-apprenticeships-store">www.stockport.gov.uk/groups/the-apprenticeships-store</a>

# SUPPORT AT SCHOOL

**Students' enrichment sessions will provide a guide through each step of the process:**

- **Guidance through each step of the process**
- **Introduction to UCAS Website and Unifrog**
- **Sessions lead by Salford University, UCFB, Bangor, Edge Hill and Manchester University on writing Personal Statements**
- **Guest Speakers from Industry: e.g. Banks, KPMG etc...**
- **Trip to Oxford University – including advice on applications**
- **Time... (Wednesday enrichment sessions every fortnight)**
- **UNIFROG: personal statements, CV, searches, shortlists, career advice**
- **Support with Oxbridge or Med/Vet/Dentistry Applications (SGS, Ethical Debates, Interview Practice, BMAT)**
- **Conventions (Manchester and Old Trafford)**

# IF YOUR CHILD IS IN Y12

## We launch our Futures Programme at the start of Y12:

- **September:** Work Experience assembly and Oxford trip
- **December:** Manchester University Trip – The Art of Application
- **January – May:** Visiting speakers/visits to Salford University, Edge Hill, Bangor and UCFB, plus guest speakers from industry
- **March:** UCAS Convention
- **June:** UCAS opens
- **July:** Work Experience week
  
- **September of Y13:** Old Trafford Convention

Students need to be aware that this process starts *now...* and they should be considering their future pathways already.

Conversations at home are key.

# IF YOUR CHILD IS IN Y12

**UCAS Subject References:** Subject teachers write references for their students in September of Y13. Teachers base their predicted grades and reference comments on conduct and attainment from Year 12.

**Part-time Jobs:** We advise students studying at this level to work no more than 8 hours per week in a part-time job. This is to ensure students have enough time for independent study and revision.