

# Destinations 2024

## What next after Sixth Form?

# Destinations 2024

- University?
- Degree Apprenticeship?
- College course?
- Employment?
- Forces?
- Gap year?

**Learning Together  
Succeeding Together**



Notley High School  
& Braintree Sixth Form



# Why Higher Education?

- Essential for some career paths.
- Develop new transferable skills and subject knowledge.
- Increase confidence and independence.
- Broaden experiences.
- Show what they can do.
- Invest in their future.



**Learning Together  
Succeeding Together**

# Decisions to make

## When to study:

- Straight after sixth form
- After a gap year
- After working for a period of time

## How to Study:

- Full time
- Part time
- Distance Learning



# Where the students should be...

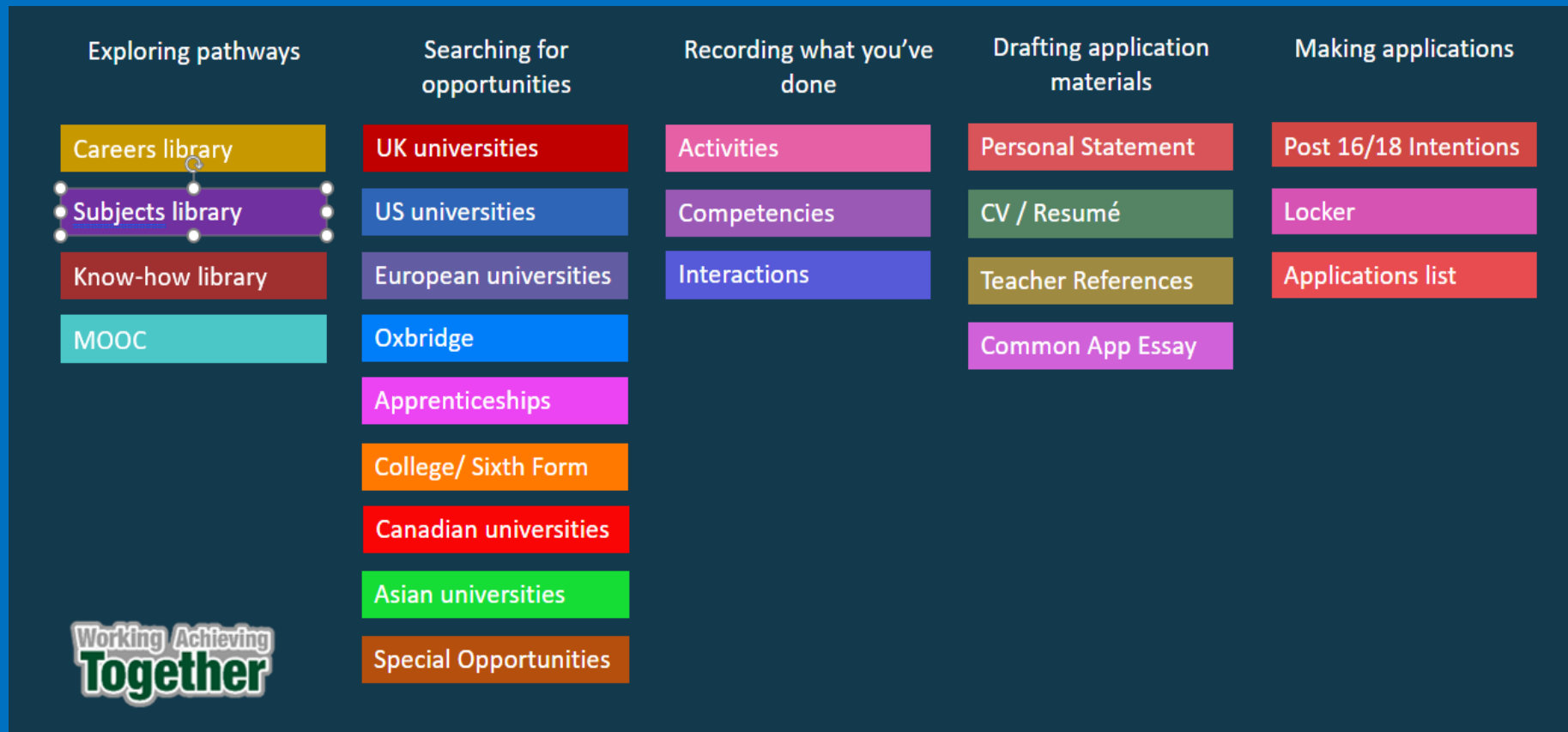
- Registered in the UCAS Hub to explore options
- Find and 'favourite' over 35,000 courses
- Search for virtual tours and online events
- Turn predicted grades into tariff points
- All 2025 courses are on their search tool now
  
- Go to: [ucas.com/hub](https://ucas.com/hub)



# The Unifrog tools



Notley High School  
& Braintree Sixth Form



**Learning Together  
Succeeding Together**

unifrog



# Careers Library

- Over 1000 career profiles
- Presents information from a range of sources
- Includes qualifications and skills needed, interviews with industry professionals and labour market information
- Explores progression opportunities and what a working week really looks like



# UK Universities

- Students can enter subject of interest and projected grades to see all relevant university courses available in the UK
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like hours of lectures, price of accommodation etc.
- Get direct links to university information pages, with impartial information on courses and institutions
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later





# Special Opportunities

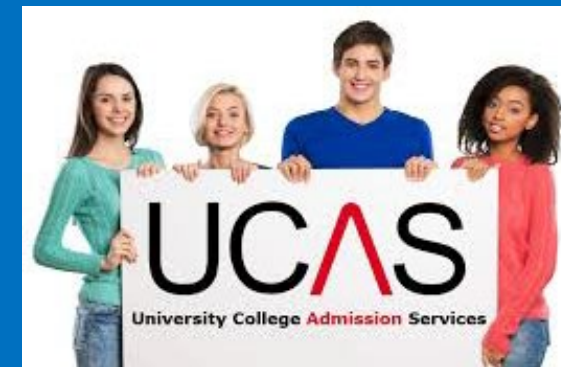


- Includes £5 million-worth of grants, bursaries, scholarships, contextual offers and extracurricular activities
- These can be filtered by circumstances or characteristics, depending on the access requirements of the opportunity
- Includes direct links for applying
- Unlimited shortlists can be created and referred back to

# Choosing the right degree

- **Style** – subject-based courses verses vocational courses.
- **Location**
- **Size**
- **Culture and facilities**
- **What graduates do** – all universities collect destination statistics. It can be interesting to find out the types of jobs or further study students go on to.
- **Tuition fees** – can vary between course providers. Check if there are any scholarships or bursaries available.
- **Living costs** – accommodation, transport, and food can vary enormously.

**Learning Together  
Succeeding Together**



# Making Your 5 Choices

- Go to Open days
- Read online student forums
- Ask experts
- Variety of entry requirements - check these!
- Realistic expectations
- There will be fewer offers at the top end - look where the competitive courses are
- Read the course specifications



# UCAS tariff

## A level and Advanced VCE

Official title: Advanced GCE and Advanced VCE

| Grade | Tariff points |
|-------|---------------|
| A*    | 56            |
| A     | 48            |
| B     | 40            |
| C     | 32            |
| D     | 24            |
| E     | 16            |

Size band: 4

Grade bands: 4-14

Offered by AQA, CCEA, OCR, Pearson Edexcel and WJEC

## Pearson BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (QCF)

| Grade | Tariff points |
|-------|---------------|
| D*    | 56            |
| D     | 48            |
| M     | 32            |
| P     | 16            |

Size band: 4

Grade bands: 4-14

A\*AA – 152 Points

AAA – 144 Points

AAB – 136 Points

ABB – 128 Points

BBB – 120 Points

BBC – 112 Points

BCC – 104 Points

CCC – 96 Points

CCD – 88 Points

CDD – 80 Points

DDD – 72 Points

D\*AA – 152 Points

DDB – 136 Points

MMB – 104 Points

MCC – 96 Points

PMC – 80 Points

# Key application facts

- Online application
- Maximum of 5 choices
- Choice restrictions
  - medicine, veterinary medicine/science, dentistry – maximum of 4
  - Oxford OR Cambridge
- One application cost of £27.50
- Equal consideration
- Invisibility



# Oxford OR Cambridge Applications

- Early application – 15th October 6pm UK time (\*can apply for rest after the deadline)
- Choose a college or make an open application
- Will need to be able to justify why they have selected a certain college
- Entrance tests





# Key dates



Notley High School  
& Braintree Sixth Form

## UCAS Timeline 2024

| Dates                      | Process  |
|----------------------------|--|
| 30 Apr 2024                | Courses for 2025 are available on the UCAS Search Tool   |
| 14 May 2024                | UCAS Undergrad applications live for 2025  |
| 10 Jul 2024                | UCAS Conservatoires applications open for 2025 entry. Applicants can register, pay, and submit their applications to UCAS. |
| 3 Sep 2024                 | Completed UCAS Undergraduate applications can be sent to UCAS  |
| 2 Oct 2024 (18:00 UK Time) | Application deadline for conservatoire music applications  |
| 15 Oct 2024                | Deadline for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge  |
| 29 Jan 2025                | Deadline for most undergraduate courses and most conservatoire undergraduate dance, drama, or musical theatre courses.     |
| 26 Feb 2025                | UCAS Extra opens   |
| 30 Jun 2025                | Last date for receipt of applications with choices   |
| 4 Jul 2025                 | Extra closes   |
| 5 Jul 2025                 | Clearing opens and vacancies are shown in the UCAS search tool   |

**Learning Together  
Succeeding Together**

# Key dates for university applicants



**September** Applications can be submitted from this date

**First week of October** BSF deadline for early entry personal statements

**15 October\*** Application deadline for courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry, and courses at Oxford or Cambridge.

**End of October** Personal statement draft into tutor; all research to be completed

**End of Autumn term** BSF target to send off all applications

**29 January\*** Equal consideration application deadline.

**End of February** Student Finance opens (additional information will be provided nearer the time for students, parents and carers)

**Learning Together  
Succeeding Together**

\* 18.00 (UK Time)

# Personal Statement

- Only chance to market themselves individually
- The same for all 5 choices
- A maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines
- A minimum of 1,000 characters
- There isn't a spelling or grammar check
- No formatting is allowed
- Similarity detection service: every personal statement is run through software to check for plagiarism.

# Personal statement

- Include:
  - Academic achievements, past and present
  - Why they're interested in the subject area
  - Their knowledge of the subject area
  - Their enthusiasm to go beyond the syllabus (work experience; summer placements; wider reading etc)
  - What they enjoy about studying
  - Details of independent study skills

# References

- **Changes this year:**

- Extenuating circumstances
- More subject specific

Please make sure we know!

Tell their subject teacher if they intend to take that subject

- **Attendance at tutorials and communication is vital**

# Apprenticeship information



The next few slides will give some information regarding the application process for an apprenticeship.

**Learning Together  
Succeeding Together**



# Apprenticeships – the basics

## What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a paid work based learning programme which leads to nationally recognised qualifications in specific vocational areas.

## Levels of Apprenticeships

- ▶ Degree - Level 6/7 is equivalent to Bachelor's/Master's Degree.
- ▶ Higher - Level 4/5 is equivalent to Higher National Diploma/Foundation Degree.
- ▶ Advanced - Level 3 is equivalent to 2 'A' Levels at grade C.
- ▶ Intermediate - Level 2 is equivalent to 5 GCSE's grade 9 – 4.

# Apprenticeships – the basics

## How long does an apprenticeship take to complete?

- ▶ Degree apprenticeships last between 3 – 6 years.
- ▶ Higher apprenticeships last between 1 – 4 years with many moving onto a degree apprenticeship.

## What are the entry requirements?

These will vary from employer to employer with some requiring specific grades and subjects.

- ▶ Degree apprenticeships – tend to require 3 'A' levels or an equivalent Level 3 qualification (similar to entry requirements for a traditional degree course).
- ▶ Higher apprenticeships – typical requirements are a minimum of 2 'A' levels or an equivalent Level 3 qualification.

# Apprenticeships – the basics

## What does a Higher/Degree apprenticeship involve?

- ▶ There is an apprenticeship standard for each job role which sets out the knowledge, skills and behaviours required for that role.
- ▶ A minimum of 20% of an apprentice's time must be spent on off the job training/study. The employer will partner up with a specific college, training provider or university to deliver this.
- ▶ An apprentice may study in a number of different ways:
  - day release
  - block release
  - online
  - a combination of the above

# Apprenticeships

## What sectors are higher and degree apprenticeships currently available in?

Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care      Engineering & Manufacturing  
Arts, Media and Publishing      Health, Public Service & Care  
Business, & Administration      Information & Communication Technology  
Catering & Hospitality      Legal, Finance & Accounting  
Construction, Planning & Built Environment      Protective Services  
Creative & Design      Retail & Commercial Enterprise  
Digital      Sales, Marketing & Procurement  
Education and Childcare      Science and Maths  
Transport & Logistics

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education website lists individual job roles.

[www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/](http://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/)



# Apprenticeships - advantages



- ▶ No student debt as tuition fees are paid for.
- ▶ Earn a salary while learning.
- ▶ Gain hands-on experience in your chosen career.
- ▶ Start on career path earlier.

# Apprenticeships - disadvantages



- ▶ It is not an easy option. An apprentice needs to balance academic study with work commitments — time management skills required.
- ▶ Although studying a higher education qualification, the student life experience will be different compared to those studying full-time.
- ▶ Location of vacancies — what is available locally/within commuting distance?
- ▶ Might not be a possible route for career choice.



# Apprenticeships

- Many are later in the year – more information to follow.
- Still need personal statement
- CV should be up to date
- Highly competitive so worth applying to university too
- Use UCAS and Unifrog too

# Apprenticeship support

UCAS provides [apprenticeship advice](#) to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities. There is also a [degree and professional apprenticeships section](#)

Find out about:

- the different types of apprenticeships
- how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- preparing for the application and interview process
- on [ucas.com](https://ucas.com), which profiles current programmes in more detail.



# Apprenticeship support

- Students can find live apprenticeship vacancies on Unifrog
- Vacancies are updated daily
- Rank and filter opportunities by factors like distance from home, weekly wage and application deadlines
- Direct link to the 'apply' page
- Each apprenticeship vacancy includes practical information about the opportunity, employer and training
- Save unlimited shortlists to refer back to later



Notley High School  
& Braintree Sixth Form

The Unifrog logo is displayed in a white rectangular box. The word 'unifrog' is written in a lowercase, green, sans-serif font.

**Learning Together**  
**Succeeding Together**

# Apprenticeship vacancies – where to look

National Apprenticeship Service



Company websites



University websites



Careers Information and Job Board websites



Social Media



# Vacancy websites

## National Apprenticeship Service

[www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch)

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeships) - scroll down to the Higher and Degree vacancy listing.

## Careers information and job board websites

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com>

[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing>

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

[www.essexopportunities.co.uk/search-opportunities/apprenticeships](http://www.essexopportunities.co.uk/search-opportunities/apprenticeships)

[www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk)

[www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk](http://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk)

**University websites** – for example Anglia Ruskin University lists vacancies.

<https://aru.ac.uk/study/degree-apprenticeships/employer/current-vacancies>

# Selection process

This may involve some or all of the following -

- ▶ **Initial application**
- ▶ **Online tests – for example aptitude tests.**
- ▶ **Telephone interview**
- ▶ **Video interview**
- ▶ **Assessment centre – may include group activities, role play, presentations.**
- ▶ **One to one interview(s)**

# Questions?



**Learning Together  
Succeeding Together**