

# Year 12 Partnership Evening

**October 2024**

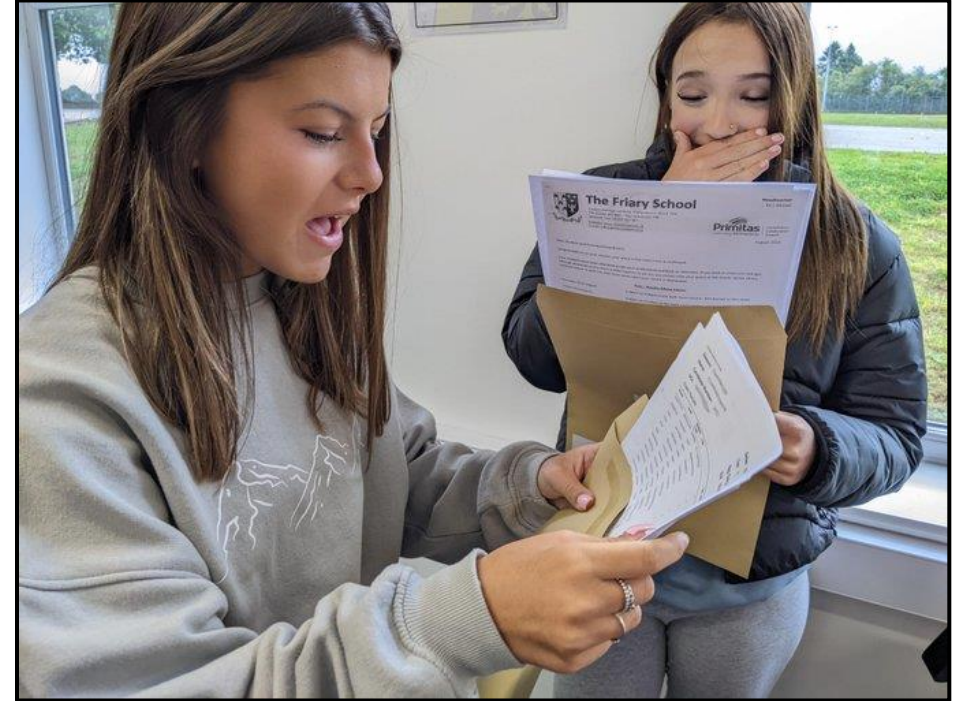
# Congratulations...

Your child has done well in their GCSEs...

They have hit the bar to get into Sixth Form... This is no mean feat...

You have played a BIG part in that...

You deserved to celebrate just as much as they did...



**“After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are more hills to climb.”**

**Nelson Mandela**

# More Congratulations...

In fact, your child's Year group did fantastically well.

Our school has topped the Staffordshire Performance Tables in recent years and current indications are that we won't be far off again:

2019 = +0.61

2022 = +0.67

2023 = +0.73

2024 = +0.85

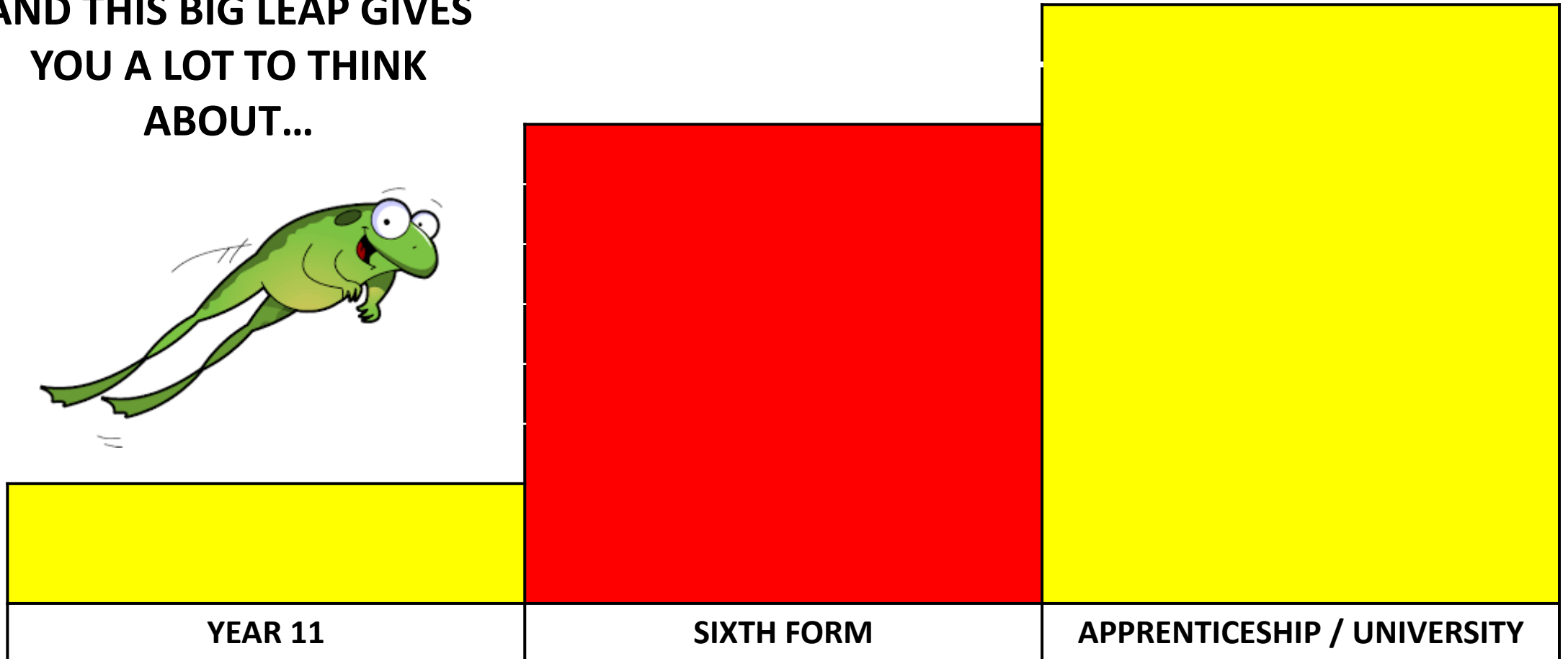
Your child and their Year group will be in the top 5% (ish) nationally for their results.



And now they have to go and do it all over again...

# What's Next in Year 12 ?

**AND THIS BIG LEAP GIVES  
YOU A LOT TO THINK  
ABOUT...**



# Sixth Form Courses

**Your 'child' will be doing 3 courses - a very small minority will do 4.**

**These will all be either A-Level or BTECs.**

**Both courses will get you onto higher-level apprenticeships or into university.**



**Exam results have been strong for a number of years; last year saw our highest every average A-Level grade.**

# A-Level & BTEC Grades

The grades for A-Levels and BTECs are on the opposite chart.

Your child's grades will be reported to you at least termly.

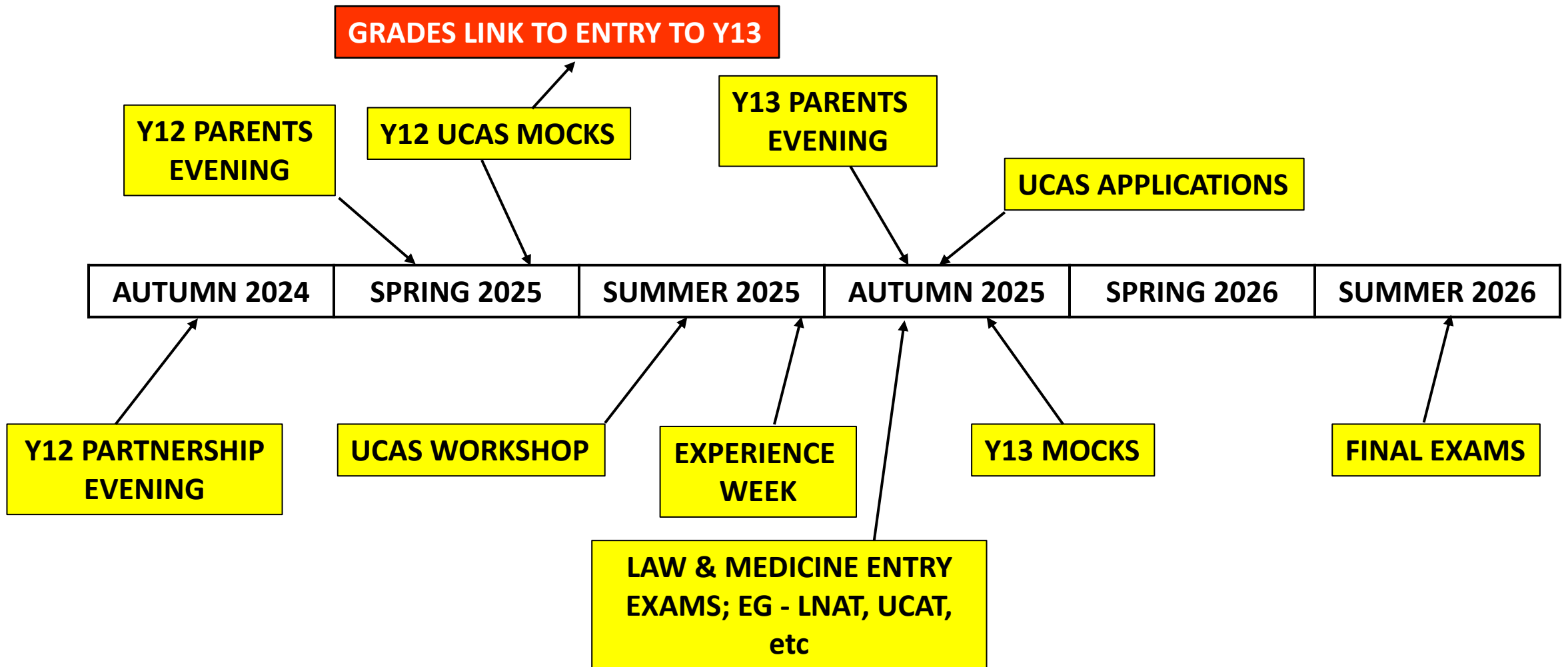
They are important at the application point - Autumn 2025.

These grades are important at the end point - Summer 2026.

A-LEVEL	UCAS	BTEC	UCAS
A*	56	DIST *	56
A	48	DIST	48
B	40		
C	32	MERIT	32
D	24		
E	16	PASS	16

Autumn 2025 Entrance Exams will be needed for Oxbridge and other top universities for Medicine and Law.

# Sixth Form Timeline





# Target Grades & EduLink

Your child's target grades are **based on their GCSE grades**.

These are **ambitious targets** - but they are viable. They are not a guarantee - but they are certainly possible. Your child may even go beyond them.

These target grades are important to you as you need to use them as a basis for understanding where your child can go **post-Sixth Form**.

If you **log-on to EduLink** you will see you have been sent a document - in the Documents Link - which sets out two key piece of information.



**After your celebrations - now check where your child sits and start thinking where this takes them...**



# Summer KS4 Exam Results 2024

This student got the SPI scores on the left. They SPI judges the school.

These refer to how much the child got above / below their ability from primary school. This student did well.

This gives you an indication on how your child is doing in their studies.

Are they excelling... plateauing... lagging... ?

Subject	Exam Grade	SPI
Art & Design	4	-0.83
English Language	6	1.55
English Literature	6	1.61
Health & Social Care	D2	2.06
History	5	1.08
Hospitality & Catering	M2	1.00
Maths	5	0.71
Science: Combined Trilogy	43	-0.58
TOTAL		+6.60

# KS5 Subjects and Target Grades

**These target grades are based off those GCSE grades.**

**Now think what it means if your child gets those grades.**

**For an apprenticeship...**

**For a university place...**

<b>SUBJECT</b> (All A Level unless otherwise stated)	<b>TARGET GRADE</b>
<b>Creative Digital Media Production (BTEC Cert L3)</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>ICT (BTEC Cert L3)</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Sociology</b>	<b>C</b>

**The GCSE grades were the key to getting into the Sixth Form - the next grades decide where they go post-school...**

# Opportunities

The world our children are stepping out into has lots of challenges...

Graduates jobs are highly competitive...

Apprenticeships are highly competitive...

University is expensive and is not a silver bullet...

Gap years can become a drift or a negative...



For what it is worth, in my view there has **never been a tougher time** to enter the job market...

And the benefit of **parents being involved...** the **best possible grades...** and the **best possible wider portfolio of skills...** has never been more crucial...

# Destinations

Let's look what we have seen in the last few years...

There are only **slight changes** - but there are **real challenges**...

The one thing we all can perhaps agree on is that our generation has **not provided a world of great opportunity** just at the moment...

And to help our children to thrive **we have to be savvier** than ever...

Year 13 Destinations	2022	2023	2024
University	69%	69%	64%
College	2%	1%	1%
Apprenticeships	12%	10%	7%
Gap Year	8%	14%	13%
Employment	9%	6%	15%
Total	100%	100%	100%

# The 1% at College

**This is usually students doing a specific course at Level 3 - the same level as Sixth Form.**

**It could be a specific Art or Design course, perhaps to build up a Portfolio.**

**It is not a common route and would only be for something specialist.**





# The 13% on Gap Years

The traditional gap year was to work for a period before going travelling...

This is still there - but it is getting marginalised...

We have people taking gap years to decide - not having a clear plan or direction- and there is a risk the gap year simply becomes a gap...



# The 13% on Gap Years

Some of our students took a gap year to decide - but are **not forming a clear direction...**

Some are getting a plan - such as hunting for an apprenticeship - but there are **limited opportunities...**

Some are saving for university the following year - but are now **at risk of simply settling** on their current job...

We have seen that **not having a clear plan** can impact on grades... Knowing you need ABB focuses the mind, knowing you need to just do your best is less definable...

There is evidence that **parent's routes** - such as going to university - influences the child's route...

We would urge **all parents to actively engage in their child's thinking and actions in a gap year** so that it has a purpose and brings long-term benefits...



# The 7% on Apprenticeships

All apprenticeships are competitive and all represent a real success.

There are different tiers of apprenticeship - with the levels of training, qualifications and salary all factors.

The [Jaguar apprenticeship](#) provided a £26k starting salary... a degree... after 4 years a salary of £40k...

The [average dental nurse salary](#) is £23-31k... The average UK salary in 2023 was £35k.

Any apprenticeship route needs consideration of the career... the progression... the diversification opportunities... the long-term employability...

- **Level 7 Auditor Apprenticeship Training with Cooper Parry**
- **Level 6 Apprenticeship with Airbus in Aerospace Engineering in association with the University of the West of England**
- **Level 6 App Applied Professional Engineering Apprenticeship with Jaguar Land Rover in association with the University of Warwick**
- **Level 3 Early Years**
- **Level 3 Technical Agriculture Apprenticeship**
- **Level 3 Dental Nurse Apprenticeship in association with Derby College.**
- **Level 3 Apprenticeship on Machinery**

# The 7% on Apprenticeships

The apprenticeships come up throughout the year - you should start looking properly through Year 13...

It would be to start spotting options through Year 12 - this brings a dialogue with your child and an awareness of when things come up.

The [GOV.UK Apprenticeship website](https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships) is a great starting point.

There are currently 45 apprenticeships on offer within 10 miles from Lichfield

Two of them are above Sixth Form level (Level 4+).



# The 15% in Employment

**There is employment and employment...**

**There were some that were long-term career plans...**

**There were others that we because there was a reluctance of sign up for university or a lack of apprenticeships...**

**Some were part-time Sixth Form jobs that have morphed into more than that....**

**To what extent do some support a long-term direction ?**

## **Employment Examples from Summer 2024**

- **Waitrose**
- **KFC**
- **Snowdome**
- **Bar / Restaurant Work**
- **Freelance Content Creator**
- **Police Officer**
- **Royal Navy**
- **RAF**

# The 64% at University...

Those exam grades match to UCAS points = university entry.

A university course might ask for BBC - so 112 points.

Or 152 points - so A\*AA

A-Levels	UCAS Points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

Vocational	UCAS Points
Distinction *	56
Distinction	48
Merit	32
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And the quality of the course and the status of the university will impact on job prospects....

And you are taking on the university loans - which is fine if it is made-up with a better salary...

# Law at Oxford (#1)...

There are 32 courses...

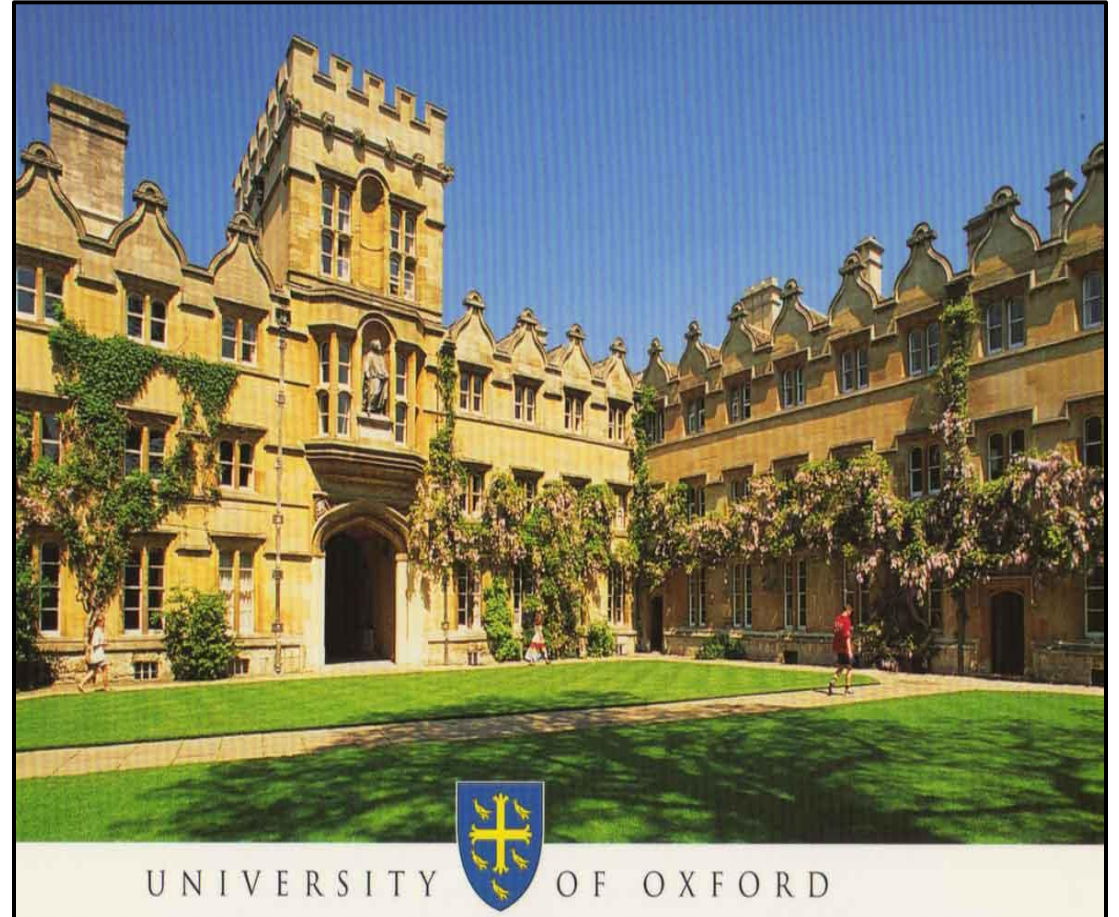
Typical offer is AAA.

BTECs count - so Dist\*.

This would be 144 UCAS points.

This matters for teacher predicted grades in Autumn 2025.

This matters in the real exams in Summer 2026.



# Business Management at Birmingham (#21)...

There are 15 courses...

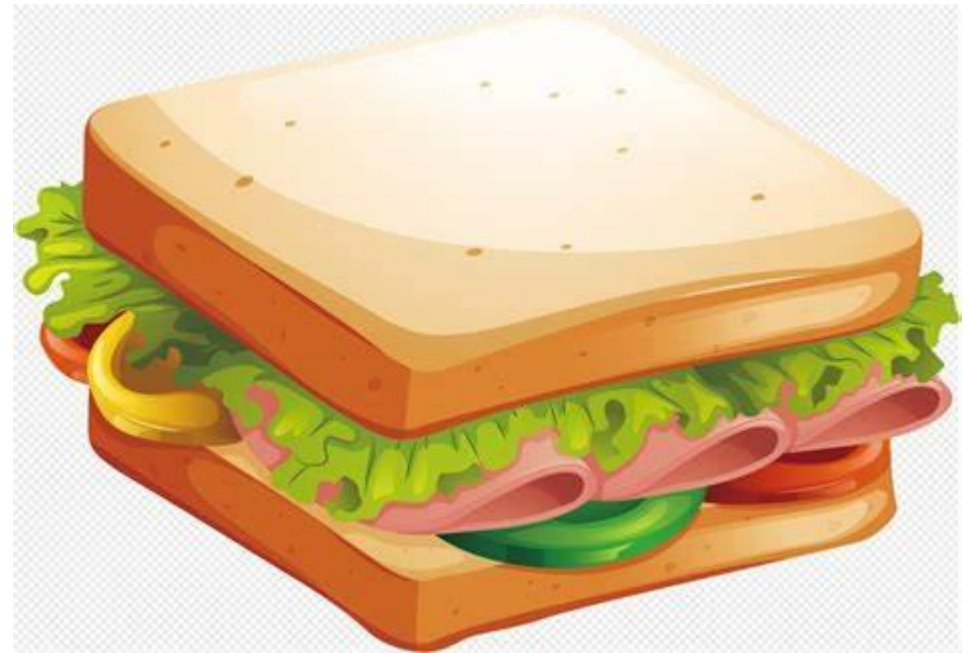
Typical offer is AAB.

BTECs count - so Dist\*.

This would be 136 UCAS points.

This matters for teacher predicted grades in Autumn 2025.

This matters in the real exams in Summer 2026.



There is the sandwich option...



# Geography at Bath Spa (#109)...

There are 32 courses...

Typical offer is BCC-CCC.  
BTECs count - so Merit.

This would be 104-96 UCAS points.

This matters for teacher predicted  
grades in Autumn 2025.

This matters in the real exams in  
Summer 2026.





# Grades for University

Sample Y13 Student

Targets B, A, Dist\* = 144 UCAS points

Wants to study Geography...

Wants a big city - close enough to home - but far enough away...

Northern cities more affordable...

Now thinking maybe Geopolitics - so perhaps a Joint Degree in Geography / Politics...

And a Year broad would be nice too... Either in the course or a gap year...

This needs some serious thought...

And every lesson now matters because the UCAS exams are in Year 12...

Ranking	University	Grades	UCAS
18	Leeds	AAA	144
27	Sheffield	AAB	136
28	Manchester	AAB	136
40	Liverpool	ABB	128
59	Sheffield Hallam	BBC	112
62	Manchester Met	BBC	112
75	Liverpool John Moores	BBC	112
94	Salford	BCC	104
97	Liverpool Hope	BBC	112
109	Leeds Beckett	BCC	104

What courses should this student pick ?

# Thinking About University.....

There are more details to follow on a Drop-Down Session but think about...

£9,000 max living loan + £9.250 fees per year =  $18,250 \times 3 + \text{????} = \text{????}$

Why might your child not qualify for the full living loan ?

Is it really a loan ?

Don't they 'Never Pay It Back' ?

Are all degrees worth it job-wise ?...



# Thinking About Sixth Form Studies...

1. They succeeded at GCSE so they will be fine...

2. They are older now so should know what they are doing...

3. They have to stand on their own feet some day...

4. They'll do it when it matters...



It is vital on many levels that they get it right now...

# Support & Interventions...

**Grades Chasing...**

RAG Meetings...

ACE Meetings...

Home Study...

Golden Students...

**Personal Support...**

Mentoring...

Guidance...

Study & Life Skills

Wider Perspective...

**Carrot & Stick...**



The outcome of these results is going to affect family life immensely... University fees...

Moving out... Job / Apprenticeship seeking...

How can you help now ?



# Thinking... Friends... Happiness... Fairydust...



**FIELD TRIPS**



**REWARDS**



**OPEN DAYS...**



**WORK EXPERIENCE**



**COMMUNITY**



**POST YEAR 13 LEAP.....**

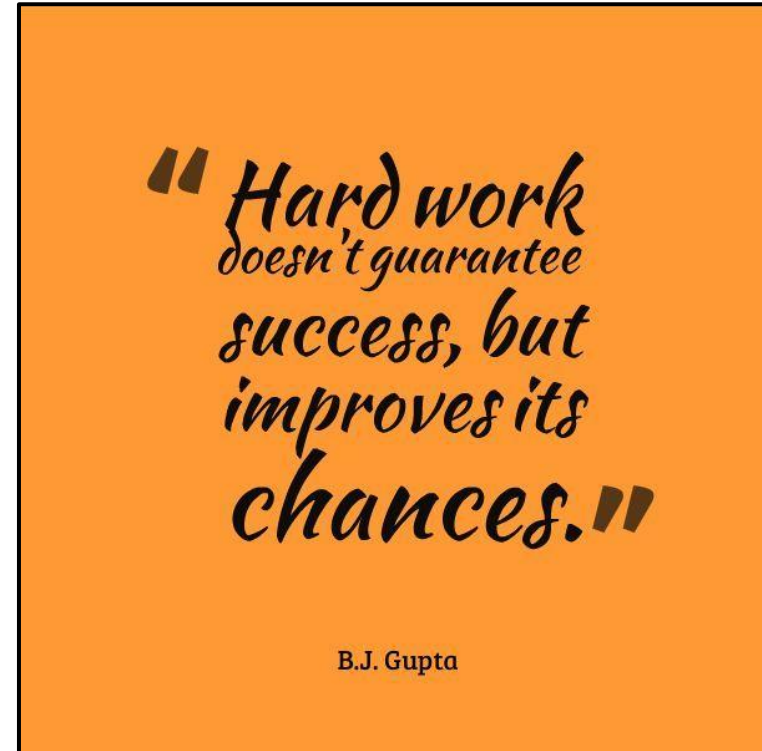
# Key Messages

Year 12 counts massively - they need to hit the ground running.

Being aware of your child's potential / ability - and identify the goals early.

Keeping an eye on the bigger picture for applications and CVs.

Understand that meeting the 'best' goal needs rigour and commitment.



It is all pretty obvious - but you'll be surprised how many students learn from the university of hard knocks...

# Next Sessions...

You have two optional sessions to go to:

**Break-Out Session 1: 6.30pm to 6.45pm**

**Break-Out Session 2: 6.45pm to 7.00pm**

Session	Location	Staff
Why Higher Education ?	G6	Helen Barratt (Asst Head / Sixth Form Lead)
Standing Out	Sixth Form Centre	Richard-Barnett-Richards (Asst Head)
Applying to University	Library	Amy Jones (Head of Sixth Form)

**Both are repeated.**