

Welcome to our newsletter outlining our Careers and UCAS support.

## Your Future website

We have recently launched a new 'Your Future' site with a wealth of information, advice and opportunities to support students with their future choices, including Higher Education, Apprenticeships, Work Experience and Careers. Please do take some time looking through the [website](#) to find out more.



## Higher Education Update Year 13

### 1. Replying to offers

Many students have now received their offers and some have already replied to their offers. A COOL session was held in March to advise students on replying to offers. Please note that reply deadlines have been extended due to coronavirus. For students who receive their last decision on or before 20 May 2021, the reply date is now **10 June 2021** (except if you are using Extra to find a place). However, reply deadlines are unique to each student so it is important that students check their reply deadline on Track.

### 2. UCAS Extra

On February 25, UCAS Extra opened. We delivered a COOL session to our students on how to use this facility (along with information on Clearing & Replying to offers). In essence, if an applicant has used all their five choices and been unsuccessful at all of them or has decided to decline the offers they received, Extra gives them the opportunity to have an additional choice through UCAS. UCAS Extra operates until 4 July.

### 3. Student Finance

We delivered a COOL session on Student Finance to ensure our students have the information they need to complete their student finance application.

All students wishing to go to university must complete an online application to ensure that they receive the maximum student grant and loan available. Even if students are still deciding on their Firm and Insurance choice, they can still apply and if necessary they can update the application at a later date if required.

Please note that **it is the student's responsibility to ensure that they complete this application**. The calculator on the Student Finance website will help students work out what they may be eligible for <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator>. Students apply through their [website](#) for finance and it can then be tracked online.

The full presentation that was delivered to the students is available [here](#):

#### 4. Accommodation

We recommend that as soon as students have replied to their offers, that they should begin to apply for accommodation. Details of this are available from the individual universities and we would advise that you refer to the university websites. Universities are now offering virtual tours of their accommodation options. UCAS has also introduced a new [Accommodation Search Tool](#).

#### 5. Preparing for Results Day

UCAS have confirmed that University offers will be made on 10 August as per the process in previous years. Students will be able to log onto UCAS Track from 8.30am to review their offers. The Sixth Form Team will all be available on results day to support students.

#### If students miss their grades:

Students should, in the first instance, check UCAS Track on results day to see if they've been accepted. Even if a student just misses their grades, they may find that their Firm or Insurance choice still offers a place.

If the UCAS Track doesn't show a student as accepted, it's worth calling the university and asking directly. If they don't offer a place on the course applied for, they may offer a similar course.

If however both choices have been rejected, students can go through Clearing – this is a service whereby UCAS matches students without places to courses without students. Students are encouraged to research clearing places in the run up to results day, which will appear in the [UCAS search tool](#) from 5 July 2021. This is just as a back up and to ensure they are as prepared as they can be on results day.

#### If students exceed their Firm choice grade requirements:

UCAS Adjustment allows students who've achieved better grades than the conditions of their Firm offer to hold their place open while looking at other courses with higher grade requirements.

If a student is eligible for Adjustment, the UCAS Track profile will display a 'Register for Adjustment' option. Students then have five days to find a new course. If, at the end of this five-day period, a new course hasn't been found, students will still be able to accept their unconditional Firm choice.

There is lots of information about the Clearing and Adjustment process on the [UCAS website](#), and the school's [Your Future](#) website. Unifrog have also created a number of useful guides to help students and parents navigate Results Day and Clearing. You can find these [here](#).

In addition Unifrog will be hosting three webinars in the summer where students can learn more about different aspects of Results Day and Clearing:

#### Results day: Get prepared and understand your options

Tue 6 July, 17:00

#### Results day: On the day and navigating Clearing

Wed 7 July, 17:00

#### Results day: Next steps and preparing for university

Wednesday 4 August, 17:00

Students can sign up now via the Webinars tool on their Student homepage, or via this [link](#). The Sixth Form Team will also be on hand to provide support and guidance to students on results day itself.



## Year 12

### 1. University Research

The Higher Education programme started this term and students have already received presentations on the UCAS application process and Personal Statement Writing. We encourage our Year 12 students to start their independent research now and to attend virtual university open days/taster lectures/tours in order to ensure they make informed course choices.

There are lots of helpful resources on the school's [My Future](#) site in relation to researching University courses. In addition, all Year 12 students have access to [Unifrog](#) which is an excellent tool that matches university entry requirements to students' likely performance, and encourages students to consider universities which are in the top, middle, and bottom of their range. The [UCAS Search Tool](#) can also be used to research courses.

The [Discover Uni](#) website is another excellent tool that allows students to compare universities and courses. If however your son or daughter doesn't know where to begin, the [My Uni Choices](#) test (at a cost of £29.99) is an excellent starting point to help them to decide on a suitable course.

### 2. Open Days

Most universities are offering tours, open days, and subject taster days albeit virtually at the moment. We encourage students to access these resources for their preferred universities. Details of open days can be found at:

[Unitasterdays.com](#)

[UCAS events search](#)

### 3. Support for Parents

Parents can also access the resources in Unifrog by setting up a parent account using the instructions below:

- Go to [www.unifrog.org/code](#)
- Enter 'TRNGparents' form code and complete the rest of the information
- Create a password
- The postcode is your home postcode
- Click sign up and then accepts terms on the next page
- You will see a welcome screen with your name
- You now have your own account which will enable you to explore Unifrog

In addition there is a dedicated parent/carers page on the school's [Your Future](#) website, and parents/carers are encouraged to sign up for a UCAS parent newsletter on the [UCAS website](#).

## Year 12 - continued

### 4. In School Support

The programme of support, information and guidance will continue in the summer term with the following activities:

- A presentation to students on the process of applying to university and the support on offer
- COOL sessions covering the UCAS process, personal statement writing and UCAS applications
- One to ones with Mrs Beck (UCAS Co-ordinator)
- Individual advice, guidance and support for writing Personal Statements
- Mock interviews
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Students are encouraged to contact Mrs Beck if they have any queries or concerns about their higher education choices - [cbeck@tringschool.org](mailto:cbeck@tringschool.org).

## Careers and Apprenticeships

### Careers Advice

A reminder that our independent careers advisor, Mr Saliesh Devani, is in school every Tuesday and is available for appointments with students in the Sixth Form.

Many students haven't yet taken up the opportunity to meet with Mr Devani, to take advantage of his professional support.

To book an appointment please email Mrs White - [cwhite@tringschool.org](mailto:cwhite@tringschool.org).

### Considering an apprenticeship?

UCAS offer a great [apprenticeships advice service](#) with information on everything from the different types of apprenticeships, how to find and apply for them, advantages and disadvantages and much more.

There is also a dedicated [degree and professional apprenticeships section](#) which profiles current programmes in more detail – from chartered surveying to broadcast engineering.

[Not Going to Uni](#) the one stop site for apprenticeships, gap years, distance learning and jobs. You can filter by degree level, start date, area/distance from home.



[Amazing Apprenticeships](#) offer a wide range of resources for students and parents, including a monthly parent pack.



[Success at School](#) is the place to explore careers, get the lowdown on top employers, and search for the latest jobs, courses and advice.



# Classroom to career

Careers newsletter for families - May 2021

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