

Sixth Form University and Apprenticeship Application Process

Key Dates 2026/2027

During Year 12:

Start thinking and researching university courses and apprenticeship opportunities by using these sites and others:

[University Rankings and League Tables 2026](#)

[Become an apprentice](#)

[Unifrog.co.uk](#)

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We also offer career opportunities to Year 12 students via Mr Orozco.

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February

11 February - Year 12 University experience day at Kent University

Caterham School University Fair and workshops (early evening, date to be confirmed.)

National Apprenticeship week events

March

Talk from ex-Year 13 students currently at university

9 March – Interview skills workshops by Platform7teen

April

Start attending Open Days at University. [Opendays.com - university and college open days - home page](#) Research summer schools available at the universities you are interested in. Open days continue until end of 2026. Authorised leave is offered to those wishing to attend open days.

May/June

Year 12 Progress Review Meetings

From June students book UCAT and LNAT admissions tests for Medical and some Law university courses.

2 June - Year 12 **Visit to the UCAS Discovery Exhibition in Maidstone**

9 June - Year 12 In school Apprenticeship workshop to sign up for Apprenticeship vacancy websites and to find out more about the application process.

16 June - Year 12 In school UCAS Application Day – off timetable to complete your UCAS Application form and find out how to write your personal statement.

Talk for Year 12 parents on supporting with Apprenticeship and University Applications.

22 June - for 2 weeks - End of Year 12 exams which contribute to predicted grades

July	Work experience week from 13 July
August	Book in for Oxford and Cambridge University Admissions tests
September	Completed applications can be submitted to UCAS. Lunchtime UCAS and Apprenticeship clinics start in IT1 on Wednesdays. Careers interviews can be requested via Mr Orozco.
September 30	Our recommended final date for all Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Science applications and for all courses at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Degree and Higher Apprenticeships start to be advertised. Evening webinars are offered by major employers offering degree apprenticeships.
October 15	Expected Deadline (6pm) for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science.
November	UCAS and Apprenticeship clinics increase to Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Predicted grades are sent to Year 13s. Applicants are notified of interviews for Oxford, Cambridge and Medical schools
December	Usually around 8 December is the Internal Deadline for UCAS Applications to be submitted by students with 5 course choices.
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January	Notification of offers from Oxford and Cambridge
January 14	Usual External Deadline (6pm) for the Sixth Form Team to submit forms to UCAS including references and predicted grades for the majority of undergraduate courses
February	Students set up a log in for Student Finance England after an in-school workshop
February	UCAS Extra opens – if you’ve used all 5 choices and have no offers, you might be able to add another choice Higher and degree apprenticeships opportunities are advertised in Apprenticeship week.
March	Registration for additional Maths STEP papers open. Required for some Maths Degree courses. The exams are normally in June. UCAS Recommended Deadline for hearing back from universities with offers after application.
May	Deadline for submitting Student Finance applications – to be certain that student finance will be in place when the course starts.

May

Year 13 should have heard back from all the Universities they have applied to and will be able to select a firm choice and an insurance choice of course. Expected deadline is 6 May for selecting a firm choice and an insurance course choice. Normal time for applying for accommodation at firm choice of university.

July

Clearing and Clearing Plus are open for late applicants.

August

A-level Results and University offers, and Degree Apprenticeships are confirmed. If a student does not have a confirmed university offer on results day, then help with clearing is offered by the Sixth form team.