

Career Information for Parents

Career Related Dates for your Diary

(See below for a list of useful websites)

Year 12	
September - March	<p>Now is a good time to start discussing future ideas including university, apprenticeships and gap years.</p> <p>Attend a careers fair with your teenager such as What Career Live in London.</p> <p>Start thinking about possible work experience placements for next June.</p>
January - March	<p>Help research your teenager's options. What subjects or topics within subjects appeal to them most? What is the availability of the type of job that appeals to them?</p> <p>Start making calls to potential employers for work experience in June.</p>
March - June	<p>Encourage them to attend the annual Sussex Higher Education Fair in Brighton to gather more information on universities and courses.</p> <p>Look at current apprenticeship vacancies to get an idea of what they could be applying for next summer.</p> <p>Make final arrangements for their work experience placement.</p>
June- July	<p>Book and attend university open days to find out more about possible degrees of interest and to get a feel of university life. Dates can be found on individual university websites.</p> <p>Encourage them to start writing their personal statement if they are considering university.</p>

Year 13

September - December	<p>Continue to attend more university open days.</p> <p>Students can start applying to university via Ucas. Encourage them to complete this by Christmas, but the sooner the better.</p> <p>Encourage your child to start looking at apprenticeship vacancies.</p> <p>Discuss gap year ideas (work, travel etc.) and plan if relevant.</p>
February	<p>Offers will now be received from universities. Find out if universities on your shortlist have any 'offer holder' open days. This give your teenager the chance to re visit a university before making a final decision on their choices.</p> <p>For anyone not holding any offers, Ucas Extra opens. This allows students to apply for alternative courses with spaces.</p> <p>You can now apply for Student Finance for tuition fees and maintenance loans via Student Finance England.</p> <p>Continue to look at apprenticeship vacancies and apply if necessary.</p>
March - May	<p>Your child needs to respond to their university offers with their first and second choice university. The deadline depends on the date they receive their final offer.</p> <p>Complete the Student Finance application so that finance is in place before they start university.</p> <p>Exam season starts for A levels, so help and support your teenager to prepare and revise.</p> <p>Continue to look at apprenticeship vacancies and apply if necessary.</p>
August	<p>A level results. Remember, if your teenager does not meet their university entry requirements they can still apply to a university via Clearing or apply for an apprenticeship.</p>

Useful Websites

University Search and Advice

[Which? University](#)

[Ucas](#)

[The Guardian League Tables](#)

[Complete University Guide League Tables](#)

[Ucas Extra](#)

[Clearing](#)

Gap Year Organisations

[Projects Abroad](#)

[Frontier](#)

[Gap360](#)

[Camp America](#)

[Cultural Care Au Pair](#)

Apprenticeships

[National Government Vacancy Site](#)

[Degree Apprenticeships](#)

[Advice and Guidance](#)