



Collingwood College

Y12 into Y13 Parent Information Evening 26 April 2018



Overview of the evening

- ◆ Summer Term Information
- ◆ Exams
- ◆ Next Steps
- ◆ Higher Education – UCAS
- ◆ Student Finance – Portsmouth University
- ◆ Questions



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Summer Term Information

- ◆ Pre Public Exams – Monday 18 June to Friday 22 June
- ◆ Enterprise Days – Thursday 5 & Friday 6 July
 - Windsor
 - Royal Holloway University
- ◆ Year 13 lessons start – Thursday 6th September 2018



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Exams

◆ Pre Public Exams – June 18th – 22nd

- Must be taken seriously
- Predicted grades will be based on results and used for UCAS and Apprenticeship applications
- Students who underachieve will be asked to re-sit by the end of term
- Students at risk of not continuing one or more subjects will be asked to attend an academic progress meeting before September
- Additional homework may be given over the summer and if required students will be tested again in September



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Next Steps

Penny Doherty



What next?

- Higher education.
- Apprenticeships.
- Studying abroad.
- Gap year.
- Getting a job or self employment.

Understand the options available at www.ucas.com/alternatives



What Types of Apprenticeships are Available?

INTERMEDIATE (LEVEL 2)

- 16 year olds
- 12-18 months
- Entry Requirements: 2 or more GCSE's (A*- C)
- Traineeships are an alternative route into level 2
- Equivalent educational level:
 - a level 2 Competence qualification
 - NVQ Level 2 or BTEC

ADVANCED (LEVEL 3)

- 12-18 months, where you receive on-the-job training from an employer
- Entry Requirements: 5 GCSE's (A*- C) or an intermediate apprenticeship in a relevant field
- Equivalent educational level:
 - NVQ Level 3 or BTEC
 - 2 A-Level passes

HIGHER (LEVEL 4/5)

- 18 year olds or above
- 3-4 years consisting of time spent in further or higher education and time spent working for a company
- Entry Requirements: 2 or more A Levels or an advanced apprenticeship
- Equivalent educational level:
 - A foundation or undergraduate degree
 - NVQ Level 4

DEGREE (LEVEL 6/7)

- 18 year olds or above
- 3-5 years working full-time for a company & studying part-time at university
- Entry Requirements: 2 or more relevant A Levels (A*-B)
- Equivalent educational level:
 - A full undergraduate degree and even a masters!
 - NVQ Level 4

Find an Apprenticeship – Government Apprenticeship Site: *www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship*

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>. The browser tabs include 'Home - Collingwood College' and 'Find an apprenticeship - G...'. The GOV.UK logo is at the top left, and a search bar is at the top right. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Education and learning > Apprenticeships, 14 to 19 education and training for work.

Find an apprenticeship

[Search the find an apprenticeship service](#) for apprenticeships in England.

You don't need an account to search.

Create an account

You need to [create an account](#) to:

- apply for apprenticeships
- get email and text alerts about new apprenticeships and your applications
- track your applications

Log in to your account

You need your email address and password to [log in](#).

The process is different in [Scotland](#), [Northern Ireland](#) and [Wales](#).

Related content

- [Become an apprentice](#)
- [Find a traineeship](#)

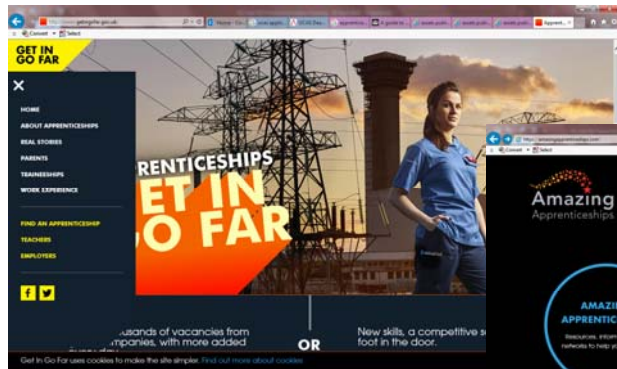
Explore the topic

- [Apprenticeships](#)
- [Apprenticeships, 14 to 19 education and training for work](#)

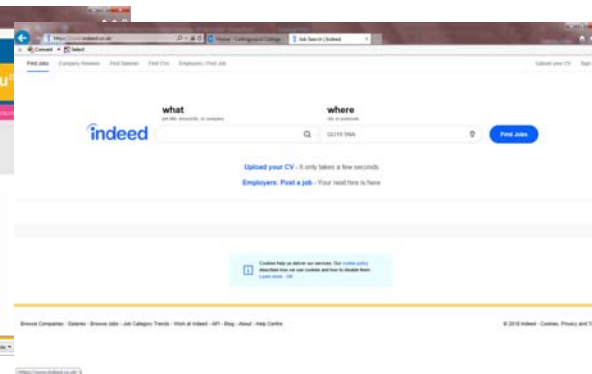
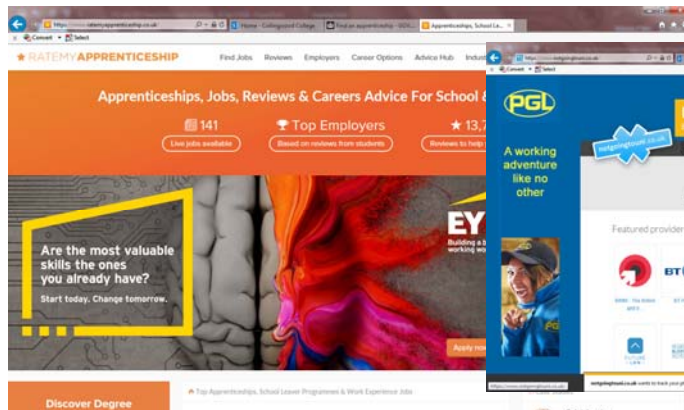
Elsewhere on the web

- [Help with your application](#)

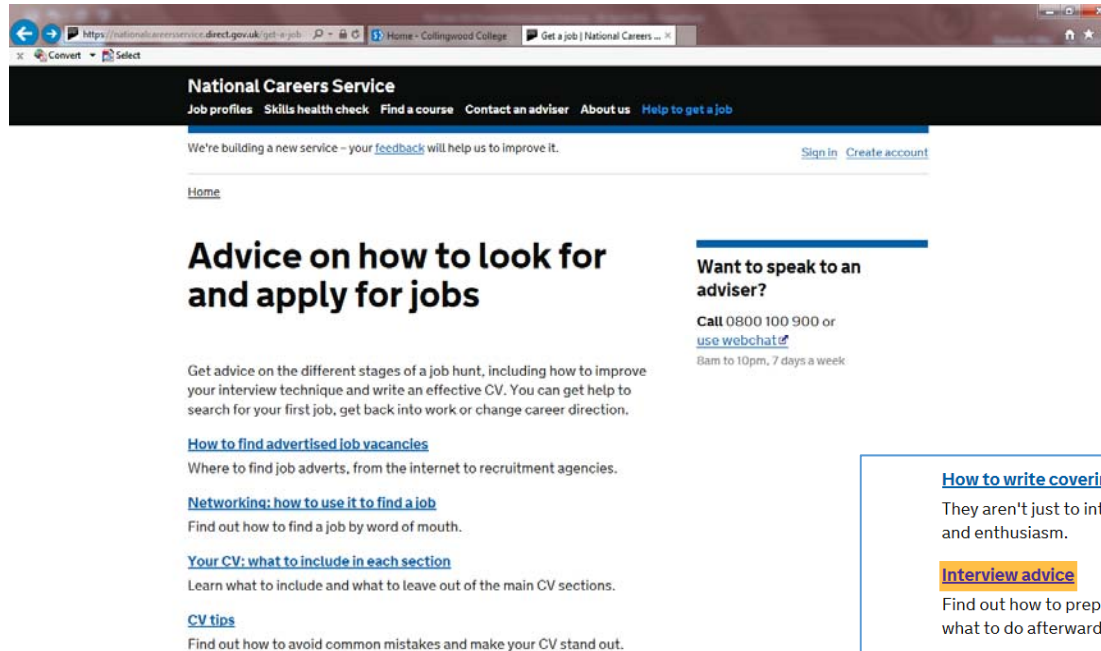
More ways to search for an Apprenticeship/Job...



- Getingofar.gov.uk
- Amazingapprenticeships.com
- Ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk
- Notgoingtouni.co.uk
- Indeed.co.uk



Application Advice – National Careers Service: *nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk*



The screenshot shows the National Careers Service website. The header includes navigation links: Job profiles, Skills health check, Find a course, Contact an adviser, About us, and Help to get a job. Below the header, there's a message about building a new service and links to Sign in and Create account. The main heading is 'Advice on how to look for and apply for jobs'. To the right, there's a sidebar with 'Want to speak to an adviser?' and contact information: Call 0800 100 900 or use webchat, 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week. The main content area lists several links: 'How to find advertised job vacancies', 'Networking: how to use it to find a job', 'Your CV: what to include in each section', and 'CV tips'. Each link is followed by a brief description of the advice provided.

National Careers Service
Job profiles Skills health check Find a course Contact an adviser About us Help to get a job

We're building a new service – your [feedback](#) will help us to improve it. [Sign in](#) [Create account](#)

[Home](#)

Advice on how to look for and apply for jobs

Get advice on the different stages of a job hunt, including how to improve your interview technique and write an effective CV. You can get help to search for your first job, get back into work or change career direction.

[How to find advertised job vacancies](#)
Where to find job adverts, from the internet to recruitment agencies.

[Networking: how to use it to find a job](#)
Find out how to find a job by word of mouth.

[Your CV: what to include in each section](#)
Learn what to include and what to leave out of the main CV sections.

[CV tips](#)
Find out how to avoid common mistakes and make your CV stand out.

Want to speak to an adviser?
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[How to write covering letters](#)

They aren't just to introduce your CV - they should highlight your strengths and enthusiasm.

[Interview advice](#)

Find out how to prepare for interviews, how to perform well during them and what to do afterwards.

[Top 10 interview questions](#)

To help you prepare, discover the most common questions employers ask.

Apprenticeship advice service

UCAS

UCAS have launched an [apprenticeships advice service](#) to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities.

Find out about:

- the different types of apprenticeships
- how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- preparing for the application and interview process



Gap Year / Self-Employment Ideas

Paid GAP year opportunities in UK:

Year in Industry; Deloitte Scholars; IBM; EDF Energy; PGL;
Henderson Global Investors; Accenture; Schroders; EY;
Centrica; Renishaw; Pinsent Masons (law) – (studentladder.co.uk)

Voluntary work in UK:

csv.org.uk do-it.org

Volunteering, paid work, study or expeditions overseas:

yearoutgroup.org campamerica.co.uk bunac.org ICS
(volunteerics.org)

Self Employment Advice & Financial Support:

Shell Livewire; The Prince's Trust; Government StartUp Scheme



Why higher education?

Opportunities whilst studying

- Chance to study a subject they are passionate about.
- Achieve a qualification that will lead to their chosen career.
- Gain confidence, independence, and important life skills that will widen their prospects.
- Making lifelong friends.



With a degree

- The opportunity to follow their career path.
- Excellent job prospects.
- Many employers target graduates.
- Higher earning potential.

Things to consider

There are a number of things for an applicant to consider when applying for higher education, such as:

- the subject they enjoy – investing time, money and effort
- if it is right for their career path – check with employers
- location – city/rural, transport links
- the study style that suits them
- finances – course fees, travel and living costs
- extra-curricular activities
- Entry criteria – grades or points tariff



The role of UCAS

UCAS processes applications for full-time courses at higher education providers in the UK.

UCAS guides students through the whole process, providing valuable information and supporting services for applicants and their parents.



Apply 2019 key facts

- Application is entirely online.
- Maximum of five choices – reduces to a **FIRM** and **INSURANCE** choice in May 2019.
- Sample application cost:
 - one choice – £18
 - two to five choices – £24
- Invisibility – universities cannot see where else someone has applied.
- Collingwood College provides student predicted grades, references and application support.



When to apply



Mid September – completed applications can be submitted to UCAS.

15 October (18:00 UK time) – deadline for **Oxford or Cambridge**, and most courses in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine/science.

13 December (15:00 UK time) – Collingwood College deadline for submission of student applications.

15 January (18:00 UK time) – deadline for undergraduate courses.

Oxbridge, Medics, Vets, Dentistry Applications

UCAS

15 October (18:00 UK time) – deadline for **Oxford or Cambridge**, and most courses in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine/science.

- For medicine, veterinary science/medicine and dentistry there is a maximum of 4 choices.
- Require 6+ Grade A/A* at GCSE and 3+ A/A* Year 12 Pre Public Examination results.
- May need to complete an Aptitude Test:

***BMAT or UKCAT** (Medics/Vets/Dentistry), **LNAT** (Law), **ELAT** (English), **PAT** (Physics), **HAT** (History), **TSA** (Thinking Skills – e.g. Economics, Politics, History, Natural Sciences, Computer Studies, Geography), **MAT** (Maths) & **STEP** papers for Oxbridge + some Russell Group universities.*

Applications for Drama and Theatre Studies

- Two routes:
 - Application via UCAS
 - Direct application to selected, accredited Drama Schools and/or Conservatoires
- Admission through interview, audition and College references



Art / Art Foundation Courses

- Many universities require a foundation year before applying for Degree.
- Degrees applied for through UCAS.
- **Foundation (Diploma)** courses:
 - Some through UCAS
 - Others apply directly to the Art College (e.g. UCA Farnham), usually by end of March 2019



Decisions and replies

Provider decisions:

- **Unsuccessful**
- **Unconditional** offer
- **Conditional** offer – qualifications and achievements and/or UCAS Tariff points

Once all decisions are received, they can hold up to two offers:

- One as their **firm** choice
- One as their **insurance** choice (if they want to)
- All other offers are declined

Other options

Extra 24 Feb – 4 July

If all five choices have been used and they have no offers/rejected all offers.

Clearing from early-July

If there are no offers, or have applied after 30 June deadline.



Adjustment (from A level results day)

If they've gained better results than the conditional offer they hold, they could apply for a different course or university.

What your son/daughter should be doing now?

- Research
- Extra curricular
- Work experience
- Go beyond the syllabus
- Focus on this year's studies
- Revise well for summer exams
- Inform subject tutors of course choice
- 1st draft of personal statement by September – week 1



The personal statement

- The only section your son or daughter has control over.
- Their only chance to market themselves individually.
- One personal statement for **all** choices.

*FIRST DRAFT DUE
AFTER THE SUMMER
BREAK*



- Max. 4,000 characters, 47 lines
- Min. 1,000 characters
- No spelling/grammar check
- No formatting

Work Experience

- Work experience is intended to offer young people a taste of what it's like to work for different businesses in various industries.
- Work experience placements, even if they only last for a week or two, are a great way to open eyes to the world of professional work.
- “On average 60% of students who undertake work experience will be offered a role with the company at the end of their scheme.”



How can you support them?

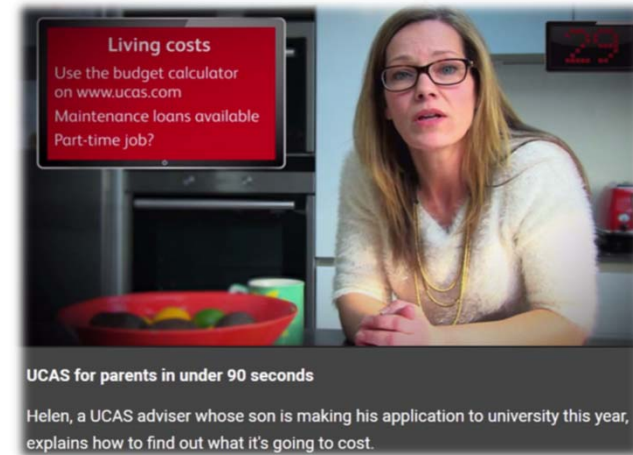
- Use the parents/guardians section of the UCAS website/Parent Guide publication – www.ucas.com/parents and sign up for their newsletter.
- Offer to attend open days, you may have a different perspective.
- Please do not book family holidays at key times.
- Make sure they read everything carefully that is sent to them.
- Support your son/daughter's management of their application.
- **Help them keep to the deadlines!**

Additional Help/Videos for parents

UCAS

UCAS has developed four videos on key topics:

- The UCAS process
- Open days
- Student finance
- Clearing



UCAS Customer Experience Centre

0371 468 0468

Monday to Friday, 08:30 – 18:00 (UK time)

www.ucas.com/parents

Questions

