

Holmes Chapel 6th Form College

Post 18 Options Information Evening



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Purpose of this presentation is to introduce:

- Post 18 options available to students
- Preparation and application process

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Possible Options Post 18

Higher Education (University)

Further Education (Colleges)

Apprenticeships
(Degree L6-7/ Higher L4-5)



Gap Year

Employment
(with training)

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Common pathways - University

- Most common destination for students at HC6F, with around 75% applying to University each year.
- National figures: 30-40% of 18 year olds will go to university.



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The benefits of continuing in education?

- Essential for some careers
- Develop transferable skills
- Increase subject knowledge
- Increase confidence and independence
- Meet new people
- Increased job prospects
- Higher earning potential
- Broaden experiences

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Timeline - Post-18 Options

June 2024

PDC and Tutor Activities

- Personal Statement & Application Letter writing guidance

August 2024

Begin finalising ideas and drafting personal statement/letters

June - July 2024

Explore Open Days & Options

ALW: Visit to Uni and research in College

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Timeline - Post-18 Options

15 October 2024

UCAS Early Entry deadline
(Medics, Vets & Oxbridge)

22nd November 2024

HC6F UCAS Entry Deadline

30th October 2024

Final Drafts for Personal
Statement/Application Letter

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Timeline - Post-18 Options

November onwards 2024

Apprenticeship
applications open

May 2025

Finalise UCAS options
& Student Finance

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Preparation and research: University - do now

- Take the [UCAS Quiz](#) to find your career matches
- Use the UCAS website and the student HUB
- Useful apps include Uni Compare and WhatUni
- Start thinking/planning a personal statement
- Possible volunteering opportunities / work experience
- Super-curricular opportunities: competitions, online courses

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Before you begin your application, please consider:

- Choose something you enjoy – you're investing time, money & effort
- Is it right for your chosen career path? (check with employers and professional organisations)
- Location – city or rural, transport links
- Environment including extracurricular, clubs, and societies
- Finances: tuition fees, living costs

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Consider the following, in relation to chosen courses:

- Courses with the same title may be very different
- Look carefully at the core course content and the optional modules
- Which modules are the most relevant to your career aspirations?
- Does the university offer placement or study abroad?
- The taught course – structured teaching or independent research?
- How is the course assessed? Choose a style that suits you.

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Thinking about entry requirements: The UCAS tariff system

A level and Advanced VCE

Official title: Advanced GCE and Advanced VCE

Grade	Tariff points
A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

Pearson
BTEC Level 3
National
Extended
Certificate

D* 56

D 48

M 32

P 16



Applying to UCAS - Predicted Grades

Predicted grades:

Predicted grades are **optimistic** but **realistic**.

University choices should reflect these grades

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Applying to UCAS

- Applications are online
- Five choices (£27.50 admin fee)
- Medicine, veterinary & dentistry have 4 choices + 1 other
- Oxbridge applications can choose only one or the other
- Other Universities can't see what else you have applied for

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Offer types:

- **Unconditional** (increasing number of these offers - grades still checked by employers so must still try)
- **Conditional** (must meet certain grades)
- Dependent of interview (might have to show portfolio or do admissions tests)

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Offer acceptance choices:

- Online system called **The HUB** allows you to follow progress of application
- Choose a **Firm choice** (where you'll be placed if meet entry requirements)
- **Insurance** (lower conditions incase firm choice not met)

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Student Finance England

Tuition fees & Maintenance Loan = Student Debt

- All student debt is paid back through tax
- **9% of earnings over £22,000**
- For example: if someone earns £25K then they pay 9% of £3K so would pay back around £23 a month.
- Not paid after 40 years then it is cleared.

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Tuition fees are a maximum **£9250** per year
These are paid upfront - not means tested - paid
directly to the University

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Student Finance England

Maintenance loan: depends on personal circumstances as well as where and when studying takes place.

Paid directly to student.

Currently students can borrow up to:

- **£8610** if living at home with parents
- **£10,227** if away from home but (this increases to £13,348 if studying in London)

There are variations to this - please check gov.uk website for specific circumstances.

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Student Finance England

- **Scholarships, grants & bursaries:** don't need to be paid back. Apply directly to Uni for this, dependent on circumstances & abilities.
- Apply early!! Window usually open from January-May

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Apprenticeships

What are
apprenticeships?

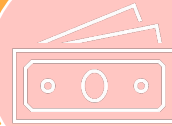
UCAS



Study



Job



Wage*

Apprenticeship Levels

Name	Level	Eq. education
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A -level
Higher	4,5	Professional/foundation/Higher Technical
Degree	6,7	Bachelors/ Masters

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Higher/Degree Apprenticeships

- Can result in **higher earning capacity**, recognition and professional status
- Credible alternative to f/t University
- An increasing number of apprenticeships available
- Many with guaranteed permanent employment
- Leave with a degree and no debt
- Apprenticeships are challenging

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How can I apply?

- Applications are made directly through the company or the education provider.
- There is no limit on the number of applications you can make.
- The application process might vary across vacancies, you could be asked for:
 - CV and Covering Letter
 - Application Form
 - Online Application
- You can apply for universities and apprenticeships at the same time!



Studying a Degree Apprenticeship:

The Course Structure

- Day or block release at University
- Assessment termly
- Assignments tailored to projects at work
- Average starting salary of approximately **£23,736** per year

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An example of a Higher Apprenticeship



- Minimum of 80 UCAS points required
- Evidence of work experience required
- Audit, Finance, compliance, tech, business leader
- Professional Qualifications or HNC/D
- A range of work placements to give you the broadest skills and experience possible before specialising
- Earning capacity can reach around £30K before the course is complete

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An example of a Higher/Degree Apprenticeship



- TV & Radio Production
- Level 3 qualifications as a minimum
- Demonstrate active interest in the media
- 12.5k starting salary
- Opportunity for further qualifications

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An example of a Degree Apprenticeship



- Minimum 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above
- 3 A level passes - person/job fit recruitment
- Business and Finance/Audit
- Rotation work placement before specialising
- Professional & Bachelors Degree qualifications
- circa 21.5k starting salary

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An example of a Degree Apprenticeship

- Minimum entry 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above
- 2 or 3 A level passes B grade (subject specific dependant on role)
- Business, technology, Science, IT
- Rotation work placements before specialising
- Full bachelors Degree
- 15k starting Salary

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The Recruitment Process

- The process is competitive
- Applicants need to use their initiative and autonomy when applying
- Employers are looking for variety of skills and qualities as well as qualifications
- Work experience is highly regarded

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Useful resources.....

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships

search & apply, industry guides, advice

Search & apply

www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk

www.appre rankinnticeshipguide.co.uk/

Industry guides, reviews, best employer ranking, employer/vacancy search & apply

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship - search & apply

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Gap Year



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What is a Gap Year?

Not a year off - opportunity for development

You can choose: **Volunteer**
Paid work
Travel
Study

[Gap Year/prospects.ac.uk](https://www.gapyear/prospects.ac.uk)

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Things to consider

- **Add value to a CV** - new skills, gain new experiences, personal skills
- **Take time out to really consider next steps**
- **Earn and save money**
- **Develop maturity**
- **harder to return to study or work**
- **expensive**
- A year of **“nothing”** looks bad on your CV

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How parents can support their children at this time:

- Discuss and explore all options over the summer.
- Encourage them to complete their draft personal statements/ application letters within the deadline.
- Prompt them to include experiences and strengths that we may not know about.
- Apprenticeship pathways- encourage child to be pro-active

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Further Further Information:

- Parent, Guardian and Carer guide on UCAS website and shared on the letter sent out. Paper versions are available here.
- Apprenticeship hints and tips handout is available to take away.

These slides will be available on the Sixth Form area of the website, with links available.

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Advice from current Year 13 students:

Our Top Tips

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