



# Welcome to the Welwyn Hatfield Consortium Post 18 Information evening for Parents/Carers

# Programme for the evening

- ▶ 6.30 - Introduction
- ▶ 6.35 - Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships  
Speaker Lucy Osman
- ▶ 6.50 - University as an option  
Speaker Sharon Tamale
- ▶ 7.00 - Student Finance  
Speaker Sharon Tamale
- ▶ 7.20 - How parents can support choices Post 18  
Speaker Elaine James
- ▶ 7.30 - Questions?

# **Apprenticeships**

**Lucy Osman**  
**YC Hertfordshire Adviser**

# Today's presentation

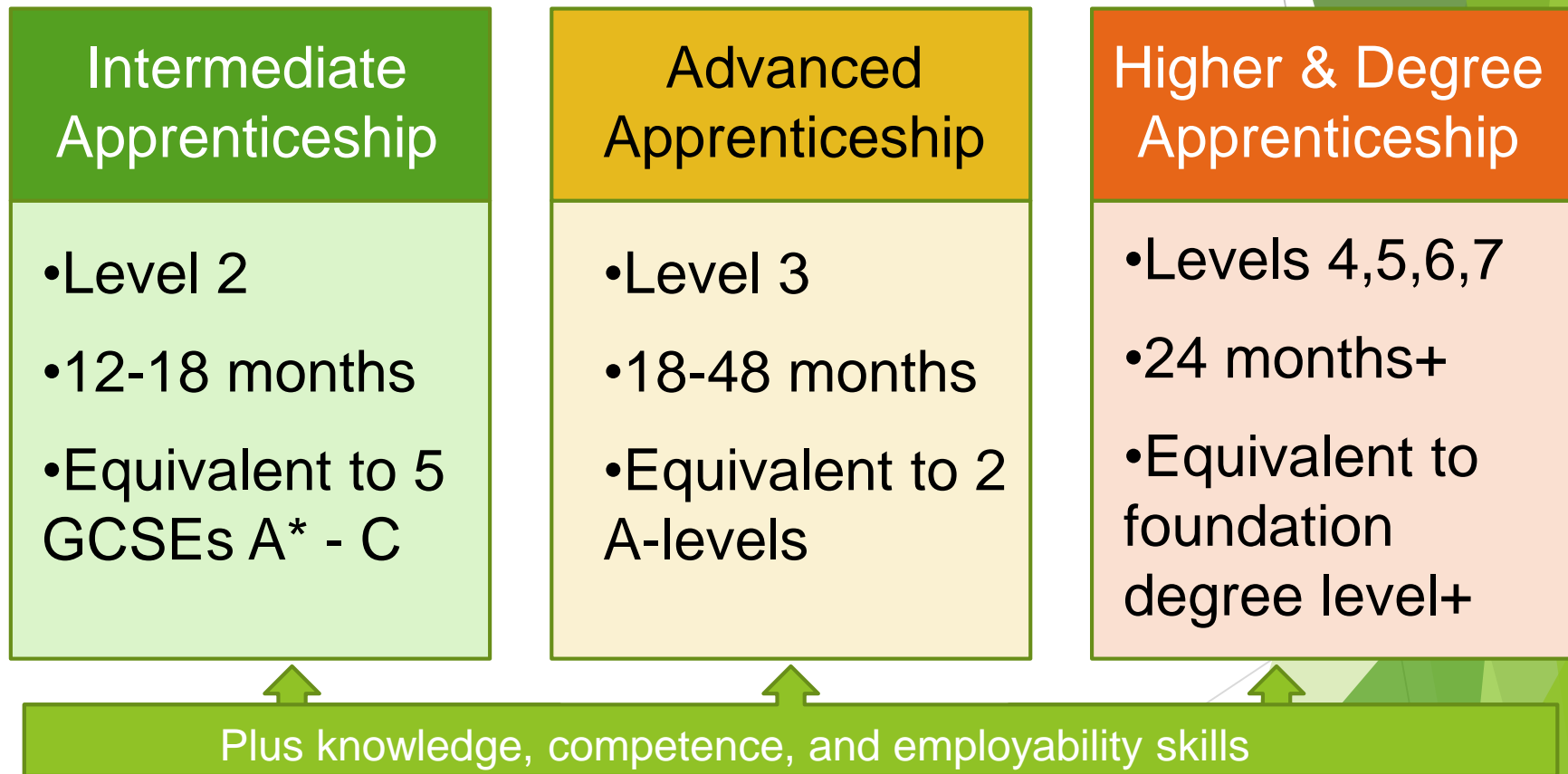
- ▶ Briefly revisit apprenticeship definition/levels/structure
- ▶ Recent apprenticeship data
- ▶ Sectors welcoming apprentices
- ▶ View examples of live opportunities
- ▶ Know where to go for further support and guidance

# Apprenticeships

- ▶ A real job, with a real employer
  - ▶ On and off the job training
  - ▶ Majority of time is in the workplace
  - ▶ Working towards real qualifications
- ▶ Improved quality protected by Apprenticeship Agreement:
  - ▶ Min 12 months – up to 4/5 years
  - ▶ Paid salary (with a NMW)
  - ▶ Contract of employment
    - ▶ Employee rights such as holiday/sick/maternity pay etc.



# Levels of Apprenticeships



# Apprenticeship starts (thousands)

*Parliament Briefing Paper Feb 2019*

Level	15/16	16/17	17/18
Intermediate (L2)	291	261	161
Advanced (L3)	191	198	166
Higher (L4-7)	27	37	48

[www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

Government apprenticeship website 'live' on Monday this week (in all of England):

5,236 'advanced' apprenticeships advertised

257 'higher' apprenticeships advertised

236 'degree' apprenticeships advertised

# What's on offer?

At a glance: higher and degree apprenticeship sectors

- ▶ Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care
- ▶ Arts, Media and Publishing
- ▶ Business and Administration and Law
- ▶ Catering and Hospitality
- ▶ Construction, Planning and the Built Environment
- ▶ Creative and Design
- ▶ Digital
- ▶ Education and Childcare
- ▶ Engineering and Manufacturing
- ▶ Health, Public Services and Care
- ▶ Information and Communication Technology
- ▶ Legal, Finance and Accounting
- ▶ Protective Services
- ▶ Retail and Commercial Enterprise
- ▶ Sales, Marketing and Procurement
- ▶ Science and Mathematics
- ▶ Transport and Logistics

***Taken from Which? University Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Guide 2019/2020***

# What's on offer – subjects, unis and employers

## Who could you work for – and doing what? The higher and degree apprenticeship landscape is becoming more diverse

### Sectors and occupations with higher or degree apprenticeships

Accounting	Intelligence operations
Actuarial technician	Investment operations specialist
Advanced dairy technologist	IT, software, web and telecoms professionals
Aerospace engineer	Junior 2D artist (visual effects)
Aerospace software development engineer	Junior management consultant
Agriculture	Laboratory scientist
Aircraft maintenance certifying engineer	Legal services
Assistant technical director (visual effects)	Life sciences and chemical science professionals
Associate ambulance practitioner	Licensed conveyancer
Associate project manager	Management
Aviation operations manager	Manufacturing engineer
Bespoke tailor and cutter	Professional development for work based learning
Broadcast technology	Network engineering
Bus and coach engineering manager	Nuclear scientist and engineer
Business and professional administration	Nuclear welding inspection technician
Care leadership and management	Operations/Departmental manager
Chartered legal executive	Outside Broadcasting engineer
Chartered manager	Paraplanner
Chartered surveyor	Product design and development engineer
Construction management	Professional accounting taxation technician
Control/technical support engineer	Professional services
Conveyancing technician	Project management
Cyber intrusion analyst	Public relations
Cyber security technologist	Public sector commercial professional
Data analyst	Rail engineering advanced technician
Dental practice manager	Recruitment
Dental technician	Relationship manager (banking)
Digital and technology solutions professional	Retail manager
Digital learning design	Senior compliance/Risk specialist
Electrical/Electronic technical support Engineer	Senior housing/Property management
Electrical power protection and plant commissioning engineer	Social media and digital marketing
Embedded electronic systems design and development	Software developer
Facilities management	Software tester
Financial adviser	Solicitor
Health assistant practitioner	Supply chain management
Healthcare science associate	Sustainable resource operations and management
Hospitality management	Systems engineering
Human resource management	The water industry
Insurance professional	Unified communications trouble shooter

Please note that the above standards and frameworks are correct as of publication. For an up to date list please visit [gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

### Universities and Higher Educating Institutions delivering apprenticeships.

Anglia Ruskin University	Oxford Brookes University	University of Exeter
Arts University Bournemouth	Plymouth College of Art	University of Gloucestershire
Aston University	Queen Mary University of London	University of Greenwich
Birmingham City University	Ravensbourne	University of Hertfordshire
Bishop Grosseteste University	Royal Agricultural University	University of Huddersfield
Buckinghamshire New University	Sheffield Hallam University	University of Hull
Coventry University	Southampton Solent University	University of Kent
De Montfort University	Staffordshire University	University of Lincoln
Falmouth University	Teesside University	University of Plymouth
Harper Adams University	University College Birmingham	University of Portsmouth
Kingston University	University for the Creative Arts	University of Salford
Leeds College of Art	University of Bolton	University of Sheffield
Leeds Trinity University	University of Bradford	University of Sunderland
Liverpool John Moores University	University of Brighton	University of the Arts, London
London South Bank University	University of Central Lancashire	University of Warwick
Loughborough University	University of Chester	University of Winchester
Manchester Metropolitan University	University of Chichester	University of Wolverhampton
Middlesex University	University of Cumbria	University of Worcester
Northern School of Contemporary Dance	University of Derby	University of Wolverhampton
Northumbria University	University of Durham	Writtle University College
Nottingham Trent University	University of East London	
Open University	University of Essex	

### Examples of employers offering apprenticeships

Accenture	BT	HSBC	RBS
Airbus	Cabinet Office	IBM	Rolls-Royce
ASOS	CapGemini	Jaguar Land Rover	Royal Air Force
Astra Zeneca	Carillion Civil Engineering	John Lewis	SABIC UK Petrochemicals
BAE Systems	CGI	ITV	Santander
Balfour Beatty	EE	Lloyds Banking Group	Sellafield
BAM Nuttall	E.ON	MBDA	Siemens
Barclays	EDF Energy	Mini	Sky
BBC	Ford	MoD	Specsavers
BMW Group UK	Fujitsu	National Grid	Starbucks
Boots	Goldman Sachs	Network Rail	Toyota Manufacturing UK
Bright Future	Google	Pets at home	Transport for London
British Airways	GSK	Pfizer Inc	Vauxhall Motors
British Gas	HMRC	Price Waterhouse Coopers	
Broughton Laboratories	HP	QinetiQ	

Employers of all different sizes and from different sectors employ apprentices, visit [gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship) for all the latest vacancies.

# Higher Apprenticeships

**Levels:** 4-7

**Entry:** Advanced Apprenticeship or 2 x A Levels / equivalent (min)

**Time:** Approx. 2 to 4 years to complete

4 =  
Foundation  
Degree

5 = Higher  
National  
Diploma

6 =  
Bachelors  
Degree

7 = Masters  
Degree

# Local 'higher' live example

## MBDA (Stevenage) vac1000000355 Engineering Apprenticeship

- **Salary:** £14,250
- **Working week:** 37 hours with flexible working
- **Apprenticeship duration:** 4 years
- **Start date:** Sept 2019
- **Qualifications required:** 120 UCAS points through BTEC Ext. Dipl. Engineering (DDM) or 3 A-Levels incl. Maths
- **Qualification gained:** HNC and HND (Level 4 & 5)

# OOO 'higher' live example

## Cabinet Office (Whitehall, London) vac001502679 Government Communications Apprentice

- Salary: £17,489 - £24,420
- Working week: 37 hours
- Apprenticeship duration: 18 months
- Start date: 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019
- Qualifications required: Solid GCSE's and equivalent of 2 A-Levels
- Qualification gained: Public Relations Level 4

# Degree Apprenticeships

Co-designed by employers and universities with a degree as an integral element

**Entry:** (dependent on opportunity) 3 x A Levels, Advanced Apprenticeship or equivalent

**Time:** Minimum of 3 years dependent on current qualifications on entry

**Advertised:** Company websites, 'Find an Apprenticeship' and UCAS

# Local 'degree' live example

BT (Borehamwood) vac001505042

Digital & Technology Solutions Apprentice

- ▶ Annual wage: £15,562
- ▶ Working week: 37.5 hours
- ▶ Apprenticeship duration: 4 years
- ▶ Start date: 1st Sept 2019
- ▶ Qualifications required: 3 x A-Levels (BCC)
- ▶ Qualification gained: Digital & Technology Solutions Degree (BT is training provider)

# OOO 'degree' live example

BP (Surrey) vac001487089

HR Degree Apprentice

- ▶ Annual wage: £22,300
- ▶ Working week: 35 hours
- ▶ Apprenticeship duration: 36 months
- ▶ Qualifications required: A-Levels or existing relevant L3 qualifications
- ▶ Qualification gained: Chartered Manager Degree (University of West London)

# Application process

Could be different aspects to the application:

- ▶ Initial form or CV with supporting statements
- ▶ Interview (possibly remotely via skype, video or telephone)
- ▶ Aptitude tests
- ▶ Assessment day at a centre (possibly including role play, group exercises)

# Government website

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

GOV.UK Search

The government has published its plan for the UK leaving the EU. [Read about the Plan for Britain.](#) [Hide message](#)

[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](#).

### Contact

**National Apprenticeship Helpdesk**  
[nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](mailto:nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

### Apprenticeships, 14 to 19 education and training for work

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


### Elsewhere on the web


[Help with your application](#)

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# Apprenticeships on YC Hertfordshire website

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## Jobs, Apprenticeships and Traineeships


Search below to discover job, apprenticeship and training opportunities for young people in Hertfordshire. The Apprenticeships are added to our site from gov.uk/find an apprenticeship. To talk to us about these jobs and apprenticeships please call 01438 844766 or email [jobs16to19@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:jobs16to19@hertfordshire.gov.uk) . Follow us on twitter [@hertsjobs16to19](#)

### Categories

<input type="checkbox"/> All (389)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hair, Beauty (18)
<input type="checkbox"/> Admin, Business, Office Work (90)	<input type="checkbox"/> Health, Social Care (60)
<input type="checkbox"/> Building, Construction (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Services (1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Catering, Hospitality (38)	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing (0)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Creative, Media (9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Retail, Customer Services (16)
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Training (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Science (1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> Security, Armed Forces (0)
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment, Animals, Plants (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport, Leisure (12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> Transport, Warehouse (15)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel, Tourism (0)

### Location

☒ by distance



☐ by town and surrounding area

### Hours

<input type="checkbox"/> All (389)
<input type="checkbox"/> Full time (385)
<input type="checkbox"/> Part time (4)


### Type

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<input type="checkbox"/> Numeric (18)
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor (50)
<input type="checkbox"/> People (149)
<input type="checkbox"/> Practical (171)
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical (70)


### Job of the Week

**Apprentice Carpenter & Joiner - Watford**

£325 per week. Needs GCSE grade C or above in English and Maths.

[CLICK HERE](#) 


### Other local jobs we have seen

[CLICK HERE](#) 

# Employers with school leaver schemes

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Search for jobs and apprenticeships | Employers with opportunities for school leavers | Part time work **More** ▾

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- Motor Industry
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- Sport and Leisure
- Transport and Warehouse

## Employers with opportunities for school leavers

Some national employers who may offer training schemes or apprenticeships for young people leaving school/college in and around Hertfordshire.

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**Some employers start their recruitment 12 months in advance, so start looking early.**

Application methods and times vary and may change, so please check the websites and if you have missed the deadline look for other opportunities:

- in our jobs and careers section
- check our lists of local jobs we have heard about
- at [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)
- think about getting in early for the next year

**Find out about higher and degree apprenticeship opportunities in 2017**

**CLICK HERE** ➔

**Click below to find employers offering opportunities in these sectors:**

- [Admin, Business and Office Work](#)
- [Building and Construction](#)
- [Catering and Hospitality](#)
- [Computers and IT](#)
- [Creative and Media](#)
- [Engineering](#)

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# Further information

<https://university.which.co.uk/advice/apprenticeships>

Download a useful higher/degree apprenticeship guide

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

Links to companies and what they offer - also search by sector

<https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/employer-rankings>

Opinions of young people on their apprentice experiences

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/apprenticeships-223>

Another site to search for opportunities

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/apprenticeships>

General information and search for opportunities

# Any questions?

BHGS and Stanborough- Lucy Osman

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Ridgeway Academy- Emma Fuller

[Emma.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.fuller@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Monks Walk- Lucy Revel

[Lucy.revel@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.revel@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Appointments may be possible via your 6<sup>th</sup> form staff.



# University Option and Student Finance

By Sharon Tamale

University of Hertfordshire

# Applying to University- Know the Research Process and how to help

Elaine James  
Head of Sixth Form

Mother of one university undergraduate,  
one masters student and one graduate!

# A range of choices:

- ▶ University
  - ▶ Apprenticeship
  - ▶ Employment
  - ▶ Gap year
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- ▶ They may not know yet!

# Information required to start University Research

- ▶ Desired course (hundreds of options)
- ▶ Desired location: city/town; northern/southern; money; distance
- ▶ Predicted grades
- ▶ University 'standard': tables, Russell Group, ex-polytechnics etc.



# Grades and Points explained

EPQ	AS level	A level	Tariff points	BTEC Diploma	BTEC Subsidiary Diploma
			112	D*D*	
			104	D*D	
			96	DD	
			80	DM	
			64	MM	
		A*	56		D*
		A	48	MP	D
		B	40		
		C	32	PP	M
A*			28		
A		D	24		
B	A		20		
C	B	E	16		P
D	C		12		
	D		10		
E			8		
	E		6		

# Provider example

**BA Hons Business Management, University of West London**

<b>Tariff requirement</b>
UCAS Tariff 112 points A level BBC Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (first teaching from September 2016) DMM

**BSc Hons Biomedical Science, King's College London**

<b>Tariff requirement</b>
UCAS Tariff Not accepted A level AAB Please note that A-level General Studies, Critical Thinking, Thinking Skills and Global Perspectives are not accepted by King's as one of your A levels. Must include Chemistry and Biology. NOTE: If you are taking linear A levels in England, you will be required to pass the practical endorsement in all science subjects Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma (first teaching from September 2016) Please see our online prospectus for further details on our BTEC entry requirements.

# Grades and Points explained

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# Process for Research

1. Research universities doing the course and make a list.
2. Make eliminations.
3. Research details of short list.
4. Decide whether to visit.
5. Decide whether to put on UCAS application form.

# 1. Research universities doing the course and make a list.

- ▶ [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- ▶ [www.whatuni.com](http://www.whatuni.com)

# Refine search

- ▶ [https://digital.ucas.com/search/results?SearchText=Geography&ProviderText=&SubjectText=&AutoSuggestType=coursetitleslist&filters=Destination\\_Undergraduate&AcademicYearId=2019&RegionDistancePostcode=al10+8NL&DistanceFromPostcode=25mi](https://digital.ucas.com/search/results?SearchText=Geography&ProviderText=&SubjectText=&AutoSuggestType=coursetitleslist&filters=Destination_Undergraduate&AcademicYearId=2019&RegionDistancePostcode=al10+8NL&DistanceFromPostcode=25mi)


## 2. Make eliminations at this stage.

- ▶ City/Campus University
- ▶ Distance from home
- ▶ Rankings for subject

<http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>

- ▶ Grade requirements

3. Research details of courses on your short list of universities.

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# Check the details of the course

Example - BA History at Exeter

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/history/historyexe/#Programme-structure>

# 4. Decide whether to visit and book.

Open Days - specific days

Campus tours - throughout the summer

<https://www.opendays.com/calendar>

## Visit us



Discover how to visit our University campus, including upcoming open days, applicant visit days and summer school residential programmes.

### Undergraduate Open Days



Hear first-hand from our current students and teaching staff about living and learning at Birmingham.

### Offer-Holder Visit Days



A VIP day for applicants where you can meet current students, tour our facilities and visit our student accommodation.

### Campus tours



Discover our beautiful campus by booking onto one of our campus tours.

#### In 'Visit us'

##### > Visit us

- > Undergraduate Open Days
- > Offer Holder Visit Days
- > Campus tours
- > Summer school residentials
- > Outreach programmes and activities
- > Undergraduate Higher Education Exhibitions
- > Explore our virtual campus

# University Research Grid

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Predicted Grades:\_\_\_\_\_ Predicted Points : \_\_\_\_\_

University	Location	Course code	Course Title	Open Day/Campus Tour	Entry Requirements	Misc	Y/N
Exeter	Exeter	V100	History		A*AA - AAB	Flexi-Comb	Y

# 5. UCAS application form.

Apply - Online application

1. Personal details
2. Additional information (only for applicants who live permanently in the UK)
3. Student finance (only for applicants who live permanently in the UK)
4. **Choices**
5. Education
6. Employment
7. Personal statement

# School Support

Students will sign on to UCAS with their home site

They will have guidance on how to complete the form

They will receive support and guidance in writing their Personal Statement (students have 4000 characters to sell themselves).

They will agree a submission date with Head of Sixth Form

# Apprenticeships and employment:

- ▶ Tough to give advice
- ▶ Less parameters/structure/timings
- ▶ Varies much more by route and employer
- ▶ Things have moved on: C.V.s, phone interview, group tasks
- ▶ Top tip: get involved, get to events and get your child to be pro-active!
- ▶ Courses and schemes come in regularly that are disseminated to the students.

# Gap Year - Types of gap year

- ▶ Working gap year
- ▶ Volunteering gap year
- ▶ Travelling gap year
- ▶ Academic gap year

# Advantages of a Gap Year

- ▶ Earn some money
- ▶ Develop useful contacts
- ▶ Make international friends
- ▶ Improve employability with key skills
- ▶ A Challenge
- ▶ Take time out between school and further studies/work to decide on future
- ▶ Improve and gain new life skills

**Do something worthwhile**



Any Questions?

# In the coming months you will need to be many of the following...

- ▶ An organiser
- ▶ Careers adviser
- ▶ Taxi Driver
- ▶ Travel Agent
- ▶ Bank
- ▶ Proof-reader
- ▶ Counsellor
- ▶ And very, very patient as they change their minds for the *n*th time!





Good Luck!