

Sixth Form Bulletin

September

Upper Sixth

Key dates this term:

Oct 6	EPQ Presentation Evening
Oct 15	National deadline for UCAS early applications
Nov 30	Deadline for all other UCAS applications

UCAS Personal Statements:

Most students will be writing their Personal Statement this half-term, which is the largest part of their application to universities. This was started in July, and most students choose to draft it using the Unifrog platform before transferring it into their application, as Unifrog provides helpful examples to provide inspiration. Support is provided within college, and students or parents can also visit the [UCAS page here](#) for further advice.

Finding local apprenticeships:

Students looking for alternative routes to university after Sixth Form are encouraged to explore Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal at www.hopinto.co.uk

At this site, they can find live vacancies for jobs and apprenticeships within Hertfordshire. These are updated constantly, so students should make a habit of checking regularly and filtering the search to their needs.

Attendance procedures:

In Year 13 students are given more control over when in their timetable they will complete their supervised study periods. When not in a lesson or a timetabled study period, students in Year 13 are welcome to study at home. We continue to ask parents to contact us in the mornings if a student is ill.

Careers advisor:

Many students in Year 13 have already made use of our independent careers advisor from Services for Young People. Students can request a meeting at any time by emailing Mr Abell.

Major apprenticeship providers opening their applications this term:

Whilst smaller, local companies will tend to advertise their apprenticeships later in the year, many of the big national-scale providers begin their applications process this term. Here are a few to look out for:

- ✓ Sky <https://earlycareers.sky.com/>
- ✓ Unilever <https://careers.unilever.com/uk-apprenticeships>
- ✓ GSK <https://www.gsk.com/en-gb/careers/early-careers/apprentice-programmes/>
- ✓ KPMG <https://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprenticeships>
- ✓ Amazon <https://www.amazonapprenticeships.co.uk/>

Students can explore a wide range of apprenticeship providers at

www.amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/