



Welcome to Varndean College University Information Evening

25th March 2025



Previous School
Blatchington Mill

A Level Results
Philosophy A*
Modern History A*
Classical Civilisation A*

Destination
Classical Archaeology & Ancient
History, University of Oxford

Bo-Min Ryu



Previous School
Varndean School

International Baccalaureate
Diploma
Achieved 42 points

Destination
Medicine,
University College London

Anna Zhang



Previous School
Dorothy Stringer

A Level Results
Modern History A
Politics A
Classical Civilisation B
Extended Project Qualification A

Destination
History,
University of Manchester

Jacob Haslam



Previous School
Our Lady of Sion

International Baccalaureate
Diploma
Achieved 41 points

Destination
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences
University of Cambridge

Flora Burleigh



Previous School
Varndean School

A Level Results
Chemistry A
Maths A
Physics B

Destination
Chemistry
University of Bristol

Soren Hickenbottom



Previous School
Longhill

Results
CACHE Level 3 Diploma in
Education & Childcare B

Destination
Early Childhood Education
Norland College

Isabella Payne



Previous School
Patcham High

A Level Results

Textiles A*
Classical Civilisation A
Early Modern History A
+ EPQ (A)

Destination
Classical Civilisation
University of Warwick

Lydia Rae



Previous School
Downlands

A Level Results

3D Design A*
Graphic Design A*
Business Studies C

Destination
Degree Apprenticeship in
UX Design at the BBC, London

Felix Growney



Previous School
Oathall Community College

International Baccalaureate
Diploma

Achieved 44 points

Destination
Engineering
University of Cambridge

Ella Tingley

Presentation to download



University or not? - What to Consider

- Is there a subject they really want to learn (more) about?
- Are they good at self directed study?
- Are they ready to 'spread their wings'?
- Will they ask for help if they need it?
- Does their career plan require a degree?



Other Options..

- Degree apprenticeships - detailed information [here](#)
 - * You apply to an employer and then the [University](#)
 - * Lengthy application process/ numerous online tests/ interviews and then final in person interview
 - * Attend university part time alongside your job
 - * Earn a salary while you study
 - * Employer and Govt. will cover the tuition fees



Other Options

- Apprenticeships - detailed information [here](#) and live apprenticeships [here](#) - Fairs [here](#)
- Into work - many sites - the LANDED APP - specific job site for 18 - 25 year olds and only local jobs / Varndean Career Starter Programme





YOU

LOCAL JOBS

LANDED APP



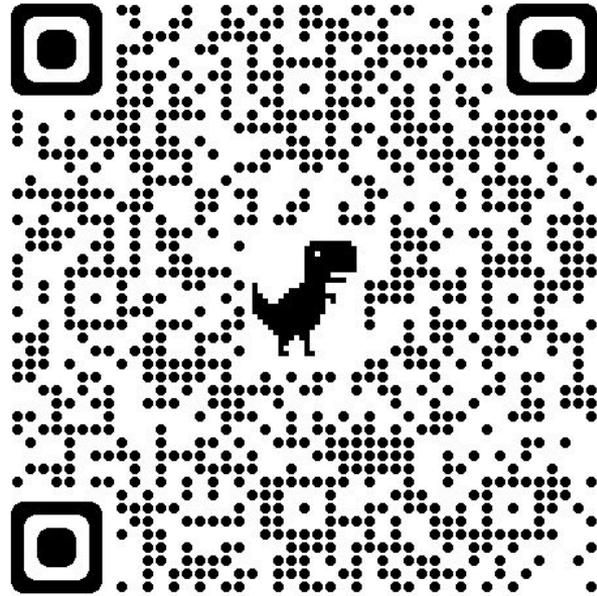
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Gap Year - How to make it work for you



Taking A Gap Year Presentation

Gap year ... or not?

Pros:

- Gain new skills
- Find out who you are
- Enter uni with maturity
- Build confidence

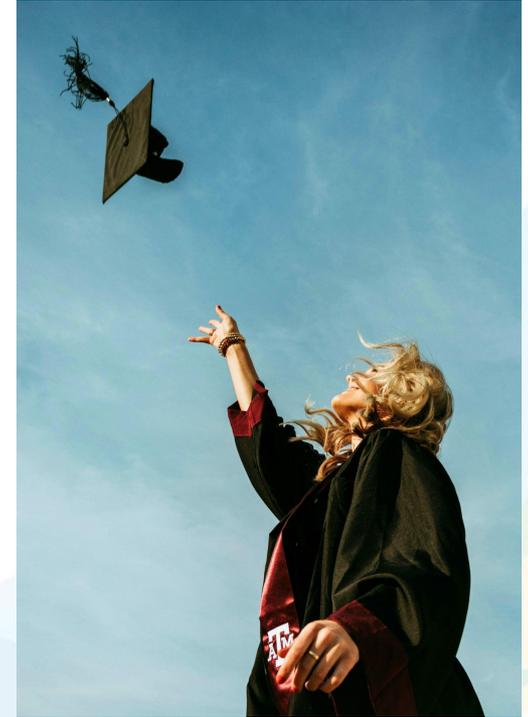
Cons:

- Losing impetus to study
- Money!
- Being a year behind friends

- 60% of students said a gap year helped them decide on their degree course
- 90% of gap year students go to university

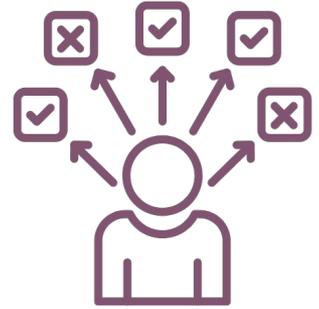
University - Benefits

- Dedicated time to explore their subject
- Stepping stone to further academic/professional qualifications
- Lifelong friendships/contacts
- Exposure to industry relevant cutting edge research
- On average, earn more when starting work and through working life



How to choose a Subject

- What do they care about?
- What topics fire them up at home?
- Are there any particular modules/units/ assignments they have enjoyed more than others?
- Look at university courses online - do a 'deselection' exercise together - it's easier to eliminate lots of subjects than pinpoint one



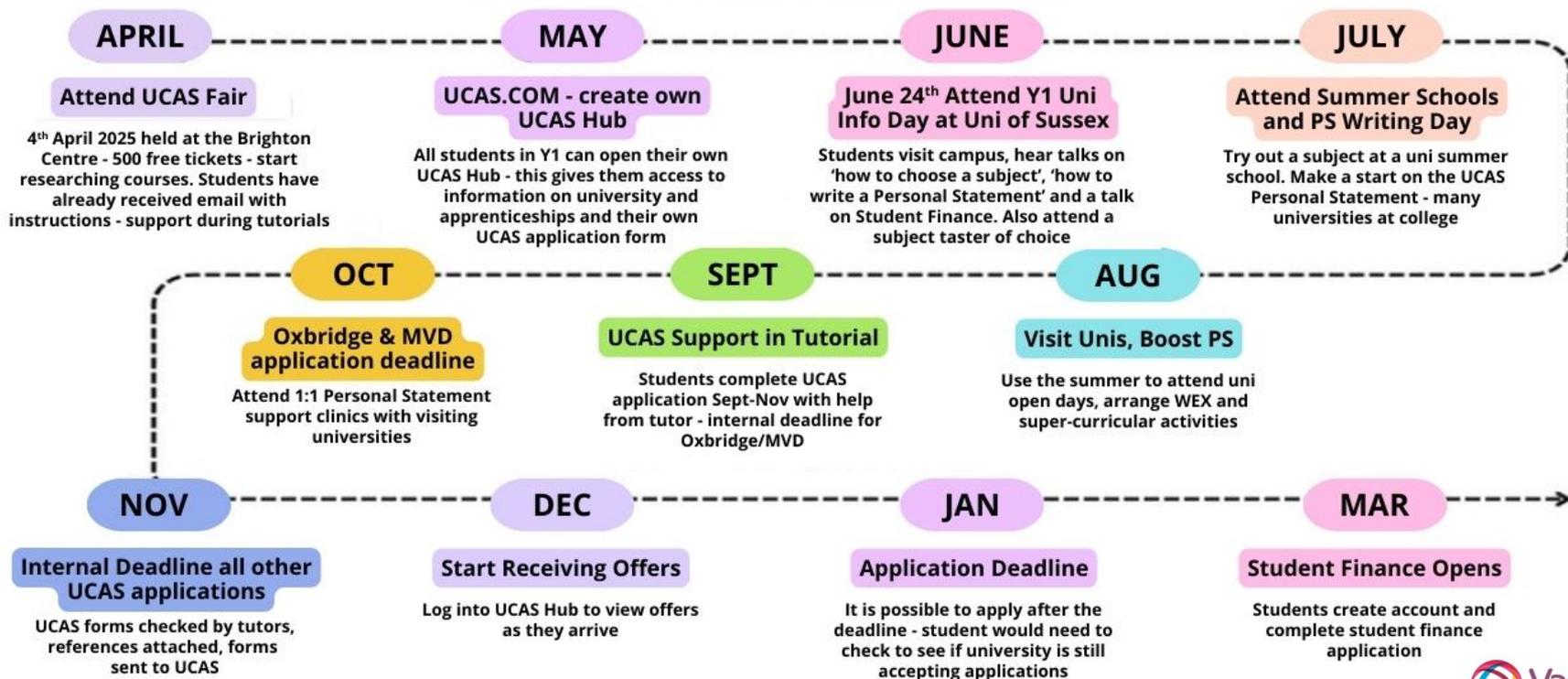
How to choose a Subject (cont.)



- Listen to online subject lectures and webinars
- Use student forums such as 'The Student Room' to hear what others say
- Connect with current university students through Unibuddy
- Keep options open and choose a general subject and specialise at masters level
- Try to visit the universities - www.opendays.com

UCAS Timeline

Students can book an appointment with the Careers Team at any time to receive 1:1 support with decision making



Where to get help...

- HE Mentor - UCAS support + check UCAS application
- 1:1 Careers Appointment - individual, specific help
- Tutorial Time - all UCAS information provided
- Unifrog - Available to all students
- UCAS.com - everything higher education + more
- University Programmes
- In college and external events

Let's hear from the experts ...

- **Amelie**
- **Billy**
- **Isabelle**

University - How to Apply



Students will register on UCAS.com during tutorial and open their own 'UCAS Hub'- this allows them to start researching and storing all the information most pertinent to them

Once they have registered they can also access their own application form - www.ucas.com

The application cycle for entry 2026 starts on **13th May 2025**

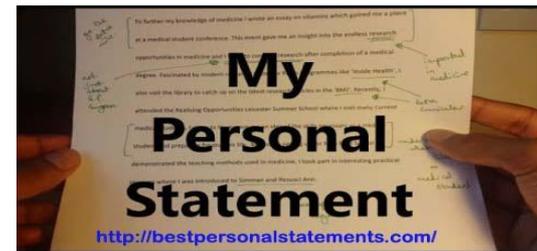
Select up to 5 Courses



- Up to 5 choices - 1 Personal Statement
- Check/compare units/modules - universities write their own courses
- Where do they want to live? Home or Away?
- Try to visit the universities - www.opendays.com

Make sure predicted grades match entry requirements - understand the UCAS Tariff - CHECK CRITERIA !

Help with Personal Statements:



- Why do you want to study this course or subject?
- How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
- What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

Everything to do with going to university:

www.ucas.com

UCAS Discover Applying Money & student life International

Search, Heart, User, Sign in

Type ANY subject here to see if a degree exists

CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE

All results Courses Uni & colleges Apprenticeships Advice Events Subject tasters

Search for courses, uni & colleges and information

A yellow arrow points to the search bar. A red arrow points to the 'Sign in' link in the top right corner.

Sign in Register

REGISTER

Email *

First name *

Last name

Password *

Confirm password *

Terms and Conditions ?

I have read and understood the [Terms and conditions](#)

Register

A red arrow points from the 'Register' button back to the 'Terms and conditions' link.

Brighton Centre - 4th April 2025

UCAS

Discover Applying Money & student life International



Important dates:



- 4th April - UCAS Discovery Fair - 500 tickets (free)
- 24th June - All Year 1s to visit University of Sussex for University Information Day
- UCAS Personal Statement Writing Day (date tbc)
- Year 1 Work Experience Week 30th June - 4th July

Access to slides

All slides will be available on the 'parents' section under the 'Careers' tab of the college website tomorrow.

Next talks..

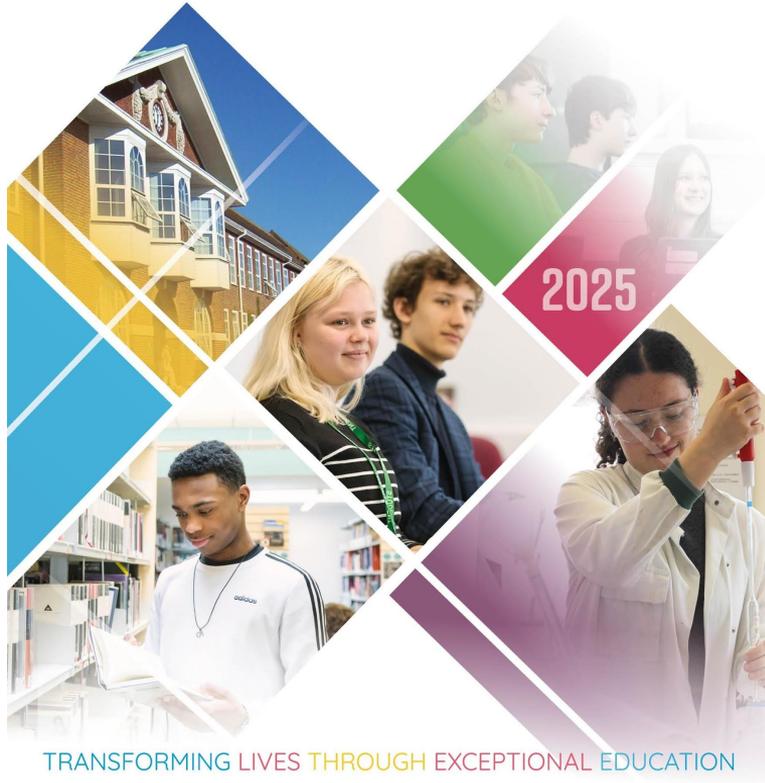
Oxbridge Talk - Room Q3 - Jacob Lund

Art Foundation - Room 26 - Rob Macdonald

UCAS/Finance Q&A - Hall - Jo & Jake

Thank you for attending our University Information Evening

Please email
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with any queries



We value your feedback

