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Year 12 into 13 transition

What are the things you need to be thinking about over the coming months?

- My progression after school, do I want to go to University, sign up for an apprenticeship or seek full time employment
- Whatever path I choose, I need to be in a position to apply in September 2020
- CV compilation, UCAS personal statement or the completion of application forms



Unifrog

- Unifrog is a platform that provides you with essential information on all aspects of University and Apprenticeships
- The platform is user friendly and very easy to navigate
- We use it to manage all of your references



Unifrog run through

- <https://www.unifrog.org/student/home>
- Each of you will be issued with a log in for the student side of the website
- Strong advice is to use this facility to research the different avenues open to you



Apprenticeship or University

- Higher apprenticeship has become an attractive option as opposed to University
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDnb9wWhPqE> (FT Schools)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ond4atC8AM> (Higher apprenticeships, consider handout)



Activity

- Consider the relative advantages and disadvantages of both University and Apprenticeships in your activity booklet
- Consider all aspects of post 18 education – finance, quality of education, experience and financial aspects



Student finance

- The complete University guide provides an excellent overview
- <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/finance/student-finance-and-funding>
- Is it right to see education as an investment? Or is education something that you consume as an end in itself



Ark Bursary Programme

- You will have the opportunity to apply for financial support through the Ark Bursary programme
- Students can apply for financial support of up to £30,000
- Criteria are a high financial need and/or academic excellence



How important are league tables?

- If you are viewing University as an investment then they are very important, they can tell you the value of your degree in the any future labour market
- Also consider the future of the labour market, what will it look like?
- What skills are likely to be needed?



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UCAS

- Before the end of the academic year you will be assigned your UCAS log in details (including buzzword)
- The UCAS website is an easy to use platform that requires you to fill in different sections of your application form
- These include personal details, course choices, financing and personal statement

UCAS



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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avTmrdwn5ig> (overview of process)
- Key dates for 2020/21
- Oxbridge, Medicine, Dental, Vet (15th Oct)
- All other applications 1st December

UCAS



Creating a CV

- A CV needs to fit onto one side of A4
- There are many different templates that can be used – some are better than others
- Be clear and concise with the communication of the essential strengths that you want to get across

prospects

Inspiring People: Developing Potential



Creating a CV

- Prospects provide an excellent overview
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/cvs-and-cover-letters/how-to-write-a-cv>
- Its easy to find a template
- https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=CV+templates&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUK_EwjTpaCfrNbpAhWnVBUIHZIECAkQ_AUoAXoECAwQAw&biw=1536&bih=847&dpr=1.25



Where do you need to be by 1st September?

- Be clear on your pathway – HE, Apprenticeship or employment
- Have completed your first draft of your personal statement or CV
- Have a shortlist of courses and Universities or Apprenticeships/Jobs that you wish to apply for





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