

Y13 RAISING ACHIEVEMENT EVENING

- Welcome
- Key dates and support
- Attendance and why it matters
- Preparing for university and UCAS



WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE LAST YEAR?

**1/3 of students to
Russell Group
universities**

WHERE DID SOME OF OUR STUDENTS GO?

UCL, Mechanical Engineering
University of Cambridge, English Literature
LSE, Economics and Economic History
UCL, Chemical Engineering
University of Nottingham, Law
Queen Mary University of London, Aerospace Engineering
University of Birmingham, Psychology
Queen Mary University of London,
Politics and International Relationships
Queen Mary University of London, Law
University of Nottingham, Pharmacy

London South Bank, Psychology
University of Leicester, Business and Management
Queen Mary University of London, International Business Analytics
University of Birmingham, Business Management with Communications
University of Birmingham, Accounting and Finance
UEL, Digital and Media Communication
London South Bank, Psychology
Kings College London, Midwifery
University of Hertfordshire, Social Work
Queen Mary University of London, Business Management
Queen Mary University of London, International Business Analytics

WHAT ARE THE KEY DATES FOR Y13?

Monday 8 th September	After School supervised study starts
Monday 22 nd September	Monday exam series start After school interventions start
Thursday 16 th October	Y13 Parents Evening
Monday 1 st December	AP1 begins (one week)
Monday 5 th January 2026	Y13 Academic Review Day (selected students)
January 2026	CTEC Public Exams
Monday 9 th February 2026	AP2 begins (two weeks)
Monday 11 th May 2026	Public Exams begin
Tuesday 23 rd June	Public Exams end
Thursday 13 th August 2026	GCSE Results Day

OUR AUTUMN TERM INTERVENTION OFFER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Prep	Economics		English (p1,2) French (p2)		
P7	Supervised Study	Supervised Study Maths	Supervised Study Psychology	Supervised Study Chemistry Philosophy	Supervised Study

HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME?



WHY DOES ATTENDANCE MATTER?

- Sixth Form is fast-paced
- Missing a day = multiple subjects missed
- Every lesson counts for success and confidence
- Attendance directly impacts grades and progression

Attendance Rate	Learning Hours Missed	Typical Grade Outcome
98–100%	0–10 hours	Achieve or exceed target grades
95%	~50 hours	Risk of dropping at least one grade
90%	~120 hours	Underachievement across subjects

WHY DOES ATTENDANCE MATTER NOW?

- 95% attendance = 9 days missed = 50+ hours of learning lost
- 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed = 120+ hours lost
- Below 90% = **persistent absence**
- Lost lessons = lost marks in exams

- No spare time in the curriculum
- Missing 1 lesson/week = 30+ hours lost yearly
- That's almost a full subject's worth of teaching

Missed time = missed understanding = lost marks

WHY DOES ATTENDANCE MATTER IN THE FUTURE?

- Good attendance leads to better qualifications
- Better grades = access to university, apprenticeships, skilled jobs
- Students with 3 A-Levels (A-C) earn £8,000+ more annually
- Over a lifetime = £300,000+ in additional earnings (DfE data)

What can families do?

- Reinforce routines (sleep, study, rest)
- Avoid term-time holidays or appointments
- Communicate early if support is needed
- **Encourage resilience and attendance even on hard days**

FINAL THOUGHT

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” – Michelle Obama

Every lesson, every day, every effort counts.
Together we can support students to succeed—
academically and beyond.

GETTING UNIVERSITY READY: UCAS

School update:
**Students started UCAS applications
in July**

Students should now have
completed:

1. Their UCAS application
2. A first draft of their personal statement
3. A spreadsheet with their 5 University options/ apprenticeships

The UCAS logo is displayed in a large, bold, black font. The letter 'A' is stylized with a red triangle pointing upwards, forming the letter's top.The unifrog logo consists of the word 'unifrog' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, centered within a solid green rectangular background.The word 'CAREER' is written in a bold, white, uppercase, sans-serif font, centered within a dark blue rectangular background.The word 'PATHWAYS' is written in a bold, dark blue, uppercase, sans-serif font, centered within a white arrow-shaped background pointing to the right.The words 'APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME' are written in a bold, dark blue, uppercase, sans-serif font, centered below the 'PATHWAYS' arrow.

DEADLINES TO BE AWARE OF

Medicine/ Dentistry/ Oxford/ Cambridge candidate applications must be submitted by **15th October 2025**.

Students applying for these courses or Universities are being supported on Thursdays after school at 3pm by Mr Tamas.

All remaining students must have their applications completed and sent off by the **13th December 2025** (school deadline).

Students are being supported with their applications in form time.

It is essential they are in at 8:30am every day.

CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY AND COURSE

- Students should have researched different courses and Universities they want to apply to
- These need to be **realistic and aspirational**

Students should:

- Apply to a course they are **interested** in and **good** at
- **Check entry requirements** for their University courses
- Consider **where the University is** and the **ranking of the University**

- [University of Birmingham, England](#)
- [University of Bristol, England](#)
- [University of Cambridge, England](#)
- [Cardiff University, Wales](#)
- [Durham University, England](#)
- [University of Edinburgh, Scotland](#)
- [University of Exeter, England](#)
- [University of Glasgow, Scotland](#)
- [Imperial College London, England](#)
- [King's College London, England](#)
- [University of Leeds, England](#)
- [University of Liverpool, England](#)

- [London School of Economics and Political Science \(LSE\), England](#)
- [University of Manchester, England](#)
- [Newcastle University, England](#)
- [University of Nottingham, England](#)
- [University of Oxford, England](#)
- [Queen Mary University of London, England](#)
- [Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland](#)
- [University of Sheffield, England](#)
- [University of Southampton, England](#)
- [UCL, England](#)
- [University of Warwick, England](#)
- [University of York, England](#)

HOW TO CHOOSE 5 UNIVERSITIES

Psychology Bsc

- 1) **Kings College London** - A*AA – 8th out of 115
- 2) **UCL** – A*AA – 9th
- 3) **Loughborough** – AAB – 10th
- 4) **Aston University** – BBB – 34th
- 5) **University of West London** – BBC – 58th

The 5 choices will be narrowed down to **one firm** and **one insurance** choice.

This will be decided after AP1 results in January.

PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDANCE

Question 1



Explain why you want to study the subjects) you have applied for

Question 2



Demonstrate a clear understanding of what the subject involves at degree level

Question 3



Detail your relevant skills, qualities and experience and state how these have been developed

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1. Why do you want to study this course or subject?

Motivation for choosing this course /
Knowledge of subject area

2. How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?

How are your current and previous studies relevant to your chosen course?

What transferable/core skills do you have?

3. What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

- Work experience/volunteering/employment plus personal experiences/achievements

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS



Tuition Fees per year for an undergraduate degree are £9,250 per student.



All students are eligible for a direct loan to cover such fees.



On top of this students can apply for a maintenance loan as shown in the table.

- You do not need to pay back some forms of student finance, for example grants and bursaries.
- However, **all student loans do require a long term repayment strategy.**
- Repayments are only taken from your salary once you earn **£25,000 or more.**
- *For example: A graduate earning £30,000 per annum would repay £37.50 a month, this equates to £450 a year.*

MAINTENANCE LOAN ENTITLEMENT

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Household income	Maintenance Loan – living away from your parents and studying outside London	Maintenance Loan – living away from your parents and studying in London	Maintenance Loan – living with your parents
£25,000	£10,544	£13,762	£8,877
£30,000	£9,791	£12,997	£8,132
£40,000	£8,285	£11,465	£6,642
£50,000	£6,779	£9,934	£5,152
£60,000	£5,273	£8,403	£3,907