

# **Year 13 Parents' Higher Education & Post-18 Information Refresher Evening 2023**



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The screenshot shows a VLE interface with a top navigation bar containing icons for Dashboard, Resources, Planner, Tasks, and Markbook. A left sidebar menu is titled 'Explore SIXTH FORM' and lists various categories including UCAS. The main content area displays a document titled 'Higher Education Parents' Information' with a breadcrumb trail: 'SIXTH FORM > UCAS > Higher Education Parents' Information'. The document content features the Balcarras logo, the title 'Year 12 Parents' Higher Education Information Evening 2023', and a list of speakers: Mr Darren Leatherbarrow, Mr Mark Constance, Mrs Elen Derrick, Mr Alex Boughton, Head of Sixth Form, Head of Year 12, Head of Year 13, and UCAS Administrator. A footer indicates 'Page: 1 of 89' and the file name 'Year 12 Higher Education Parent Information 2023-24.pdf 2mb'.

**All the UCAS and post-18 materials from Year 12 remain available on the VLE.**

**Resources**



**Student Zone**



**Sixth Form**



**UCAS**

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The dashboard includes the following sections:

- Navigation:** Dashboard, Resources, Planner, Tasks, Markbook.
- Announcements & Messages:** View All Announcements & Messages (0), Send Message button.
- Tasks:**
  - Week Ahead w/b Mon 11th September 12 and 13: 243 Due Fri 15th Sep. Marked: 0, Handed in: 242, Total: 436.
  - USA 1900-2000 Synoptic Overview: Continuity or Change? 12A/H.1: 8 Due Wed 13th Sep. Marked: 0, Handed in: 8, Total: 15.
  - The American Dream: USA 1945-80 - Introductory Tasks 12A/H.1: 13 Due Mon 11th Sep. Marked: 0, Handed in: 13, Total: 15.
  - Hiroshima & Nagasaki: Justified? 9P/H.2: 23 Due Mon 10th Jul. Marked: 0, Handed in: 23, Total: 30.
- Logins:** Log in to Bromcom, Log in to ePraise, Log in to CPOMS, Log in to Unifrog.
- Planner:** View all tasks.

Searching for opportunities

- UK universities** (1 shortlist) - Start >
- US universities** (0 shortlists) - Start >
- Oxbridge** (0 shortlists) - Start >
- Apprenticeships** (1 shortlist) - Start >
- Asian universities** (0 shortlists) - Start >
- Australasian unis** (0 shortlists) - Start >
- Irish universities** (0 shortlists) - Start >
- Special opportunities** (0 shortlists) - Start >

# Higher Education and Post-16



UCAS

**Degree Courses: The Basics**

**Key Dates**

**Application Process**

**Key responsibilities and support**

**FAQs: Finance, Accommodation, Student support and welfare**



Apprenticeships

**Apprenticeships (Advanced and Degree): The Basics**

**Key Dates**

**Application Process**

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**FAQs:**



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and Stroud College

**Common alternative post-18 routes – Art Foundation & Gap Year opportunities**

**Key Dates**

**Application Process**

**Key responsibilities and support**

# Higher Education and Post-16



UCAS



**We encourage all students to prepare a UCAS application, and guide this through the Futures programme and tutor support in the summer term of Y12 and autumn term of Y13.**

**This comprises of:**

- **The UCAS Discovery convention (NEC Birmingham, June 2023)**
- **Balcarras Careers Fair (September) feat. Universities and Apprenticeship providers – Sept 2023, Sept 2024**
- **Guidance on how to register and apply through the UCAS Hub**
- **Overseeing the application (linked to our Advisor portal with the ‘buzzword’ Futures2024)**
- **Providing advice, guidance and feedback on finding appropriate universities and courses using Unifrog**
- **Providing advice, guidance and feedback on Personal Statements**
- **Facilitating up to two Open Day visits as approved absences in the summer term of Y12, and further two in the autumn term of Y13**
- **Providing interview advice and facilitating Zoom / Teams interviews in school as required**
- **Offering support for re-applications and providing updated references for students who re-apply through UCAS post-Balcarras**
- **Facilitating preparation for University Admissions Tests**
- **Advice and guidance regarding undergraduate student welfare, finance and accommodation options with tutors in Personal Development, selected PHSE sessions, and autumn term ‘UCAS clinic’**



# Key Application Dates



**2023 entry UCAS Conservatoire deadline for music applications:**

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**



**Balcarras deadline :**

**23<sup>rd</sup> September  
2023**

**2023 entry deadline for the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine / science and dentistry:**

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



**Balcarras deadline :**

**5<sup>th</sup> October  
2023**

**2023 entry for all UCAS Undergraduate courses except those with a 15<sup>th</sup> October deadline:**

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



**Balcarras deadline :**

**5<sup>th</sup> December  
2023**



# Key Responsibilities



## Students

- **Register with UCAS and complete application.**
- **Link application to Balcarras using buzzword: Futures2024.**
- **Research and shortlist courses using Unifrog.**
- **Draft Personal Statement.**
- **Agree UCAS Predicted Grades with subject teachers.**
- **Complete Pink Form check-list and then PAY and SEND (payment direct to UCAS - £27.00).**

## Tutors & Sixth Form leadership team

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process.**
- **Advise on and proof-read Personal Statements.**
- **Compile Academic Reference from completed subject references.**
- **Direct non-UCAS applicants to VB and JL in Careers for 1:1 consultations.**





# Key Responsibilities



## **Sixth Form leadership team: DL, MBC, WR**

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process.**
- **Advise on and proof-read Personal Statements.**
- **Proof-read Academic References – triple-check and save in U/Sixth Form Admin/Admissions/2023-24/UCAS References.**
- **DL to update and distribute Track information to Y13 tutors and Heads of Department.**

## **Sixth Form Administrator & UCAS Advisor – CC & ADB**

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process, informed by regular Track Reports.**
- **Using Adviser Portal, check all paid and sent applications (correct personal details, course and institution codes, academic qualifications).**
- **Using Adviser Portal, attach school-provided Academic Reference and agreed UCAS Predicted Grades.**
- **Check Academic Reference with student prior to final submission.**



# Early Entry & Admission Exams



## **Sixth Form leadership team: DL, MBC, WR (+ JCN)**

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process throughout Y12 and confirm in autumn of Y13.**
- **Advise on and proof-read Personal Statements.**
- **Proof-read Academic References – triple-check and save in U/Sixth Form Admin/Admissions/2023-24/UCAS References.**
- **DL to update and distribute Track information to Y13 tutors and Heads of Department.**
- **Advise students regarding relevant Admissions Exams, and liaise with Exams team at Balcarras.**

## **Sixth Form Oxbridge & Early Entry Lead, Sixth Form Administrator & UCAS Advisor – JCN, CC & ADB**

- **JCN 1:1 meetings to confirm application plans, to advise on colleges (if Oxbridge) and admissions exams.**
- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process, informed by regular Track Reports.**
- **Using Adviser Portal, check all paid and sent applications (correct personal details, course and institution codes, academic qualifications).**
- **Using Adviser Portal, attach school-provided Academic Reference and agreed UCAS Predicted Grades.**
- **Check Academic Reference with student prior to final submission.**
- **Interview Preparation Workshop, and provision of Mock Interviews (live and Zoom/Teams) from December.**



# Tracking & Destinations



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
	Surname	Name	Sixth Form TG	March Pred Grades	Course						Start	Nurtac
1												
2			A	EMM	No UCAS							Now UCAS - offered plac
3			A	A#AB	No UCAS						2023*	Art Foundation - Bristol
4			D	CCDi*	English Language	Cardiff - Bdi	Lancaster - Bdi	Southampton - ABB	Sussex - Bdi (F)	Swansea - 112 (I)	2022	
5			E	CCD	No UCAS							Post-18 plans?
6			A	BBC	Business	Cardiff Met - 112 (I)	Exeter - ABB	Leeds - AAB (F)	Nottingham - ABB	Oxford Brookes - 112	2022	
7			A	A#AB	Accounting & Finance	Durham - AAB	King's College	LSE - AAA (F)	Queen Mary - AAA	Warwick - A*AA	2022	
8			J	A*BD	Mathematical Physics	Aberystwyth - 112	Edinburgh - Withdrawn	Liverpool - AAB (I)	Nottingham - A*AA (F)	Southampton - AAA	2022	
9			B	now Y12	No UCAS							Repeating Y13 2022-23
10			A	A#AA	Biochemistry	Cardiff - ABB (I)	Imperial	Manchester - AAA	Nottingham - ABB (F)	UCL - AAA	2022	
11			L	BBB	Business & Management	Birmingham - AAB	Cardiff - AAB (F)	Exeter - REJ	Oxford Brookes - 112 (I)	Portsmouth - 128	2022	
12			D	BBD	Cyber Security	Birmingham City - BCC	Coventry - 104 (F)	Gloucestershire - 112 (I)			2022	
13			A	AAA	Medicine / Biomedical Sci	Birmingham - AAB (F)	Birmingham - REJ	Cardiff - AAB	Nottingham - AAB	plymouth - Unconditional (I)	2022	
14			E	ABB	Aerospace Engineering	Bristol - REJ	Cardiff - AAB (F)	Nottingham - AAB (I)	Queen Mary - AAB	Southampton - A*AA	2023	Gap Year?
15			B	A*A*A	Maths	Bath - A*AA	Bristol - A*AA (F)	Cardiff - AAB (I)	Imperial - Withdrawn	Oxford - REJ	2022	
16			K	BBC	No UCAS							Post-18 plans?
17			E	CCC	No UCAS							Apprenticeship?
18			A	AAB	Chemistry	Edinburgh - REJ	Imperial - A*A*A	Manchester - A*AA	Nottingham - AAB (I)	UCL - AAA (F)	2022	
19			B	A*AB	Business & Management	Bristol - AAA	Leeds	Manchester - AAA (F)	Nottingham - AAB (I)	UCL - AAA	2022	
20			D	BCC	No UCAS							
21			D	BBC	Speech & Language Thera	Birmingham City - BBC (I)	De Montfort - 128 (F)	Essex - BBB	Leeds Beckett - REJ	Manchester Met - ABB	2022	
22			M	DDD	No UCAS							Post-18 plans?

**From January DL will update Y13 Tutors, Study Supervisors and Y13 Futures teachers with Track information. Monitoring Conditional Offers and cross-referencing with Progress data a powerful intervention tool – subject staff to be updated as required / relevant.**



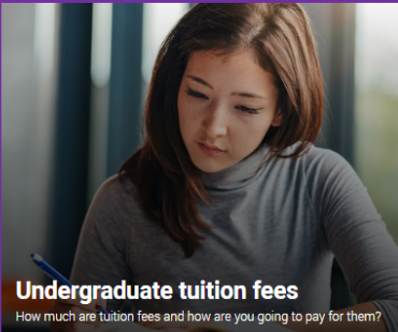
# Welfare, Finance & Accommodation



## UCAS 2023 MONEY

All will be covered in with tutors and in selected PHSE sessions.

**Tuition Fees**



**Undergraduate tuition fees**  
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## UCAS 2022 FINANCE

**APPLYING FOR STUDENT FINANCE**



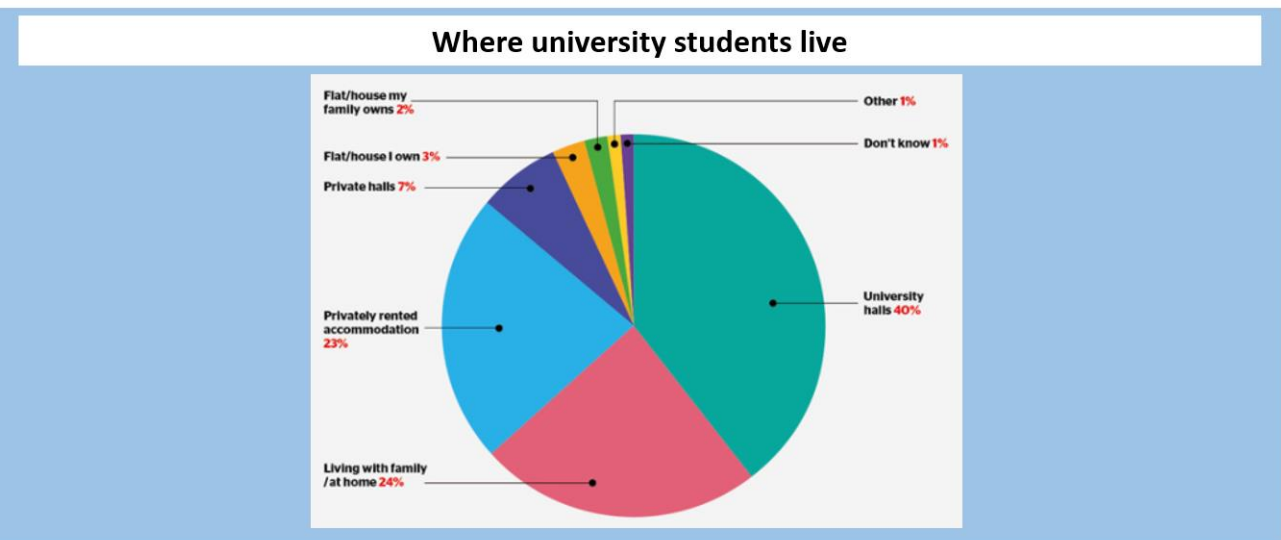
**GET READY TO APPLY!**

**DEADLINE:**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

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## UCAS 2022 DIGS



# Higher Education and Post-16



# Apprenticeships



There are a number of different types of Apprenticeship courses you will be eligible to apply for:

		LEVEL				
UNIVERSITY	8	Doctorate PhD				
	7	Master's Degree MA, MSc, MPhil				
	6	Undergraduate Degree BA, BSc		Higher National Diploma HND		Degree Apprenticeships
	5					
4						
COLLEGE	3	A level	A2	BTEC Nationals	Advanced Apprenticeships	
			AS			
SCHOOL	2	GCSE Grades 9-4		BTEC Firsts	Intermediate Apprenticeships	
	1	GCSE Grades 3-1				

The majority of Balcarras graduates who move on to Apprenticeships will move to either **Higher Apprenticeships** or **Degree Apprenticeships**.



## There are a number of different sectors in which Apprenticeship courses are available:

### Advanced Apprenticeships

- Accounting & Finance
- Agriculture & Environment
- Architecture & Planning
- Art & Design
- Building & Construction
- Business Management
- ICT
- Law & Legal Studies
- Marketing & Sales
- Media & Information Service
- Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing
- Public Health & Social Care
- Transport
- Travel, Leisure & Hospitality

The main differences between the two levels are the duration of the apprenticeship, and the 'level of the qualification:

### **Advanced (L4-5):**

This is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate Degree course

### **Degree (L6-7):**

This is equivalent to an undergraduate Degree or a Masters Degree course

### Degree Apprenticeships

- Accounting & Finance
- Agriculture & Environment
- Architecture & Planning
- Art & Design
- Building & Construction
- Business Management
- ICT
- Law & Legal Studies
- Marketing & Sales
- Media & Information Service
- Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing
- Public Health & Social Care
- Transport
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# Key Application Dates



**Applying for an apprenticeship is just like applying for a normal job. There is no specific calendar cycle like UCAS – so the onus is on the student to regularly check for the availability of apprenticeship opportunities:**

- **apprenticeships don't follow the same deadlines as applying to university, the deadline is down to the employer;**
- **you apply directly through the employer;**
- **you're not restricted to one apprenticeship application; you can do as many as you like;**
- **There's nothing stopping you applying to university through UCAS, while also applying for apprenticeship vacancies.**





# Key Responsibilities



## Students

- **Search for apprenticeships with Unifrog / UCAS / Careers and complete application.**

## Tutors

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process.**
- **Advise on and proof-read application.**
- **Compile Reference from completed subject references.**

## Sixth Form leadership team: DL, MBC, WR

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process.**
- **Advise on and proof-read application / organise practice interview support.**
- **DL to update and distribute Track information to Y13 tutors Heads of Department.**



# Sixth Form Meeting Room



## Sixth Form Meeting Room

**6B5 refurbished in 2023 to be a multi-purpose Sixth Form Meeting Room to accommodate pastoral meetings and 1:1 careers and post-18 destination consultations with members of the Sixth Form and Careers teams. Students can request 1:1s and these are scheduled to be held when they are in Study.**

# Higher Education and Post-16



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# The Basics



**Art foundation courses – Level 3 Diplomas in Art and Design – are popular routes for many students, offering a gateway to undergraduate Degree courses (both in Art and other fields). Unlike undergraduate Degree courses, these one-year courses are not required to pay fees. The most local college offering this course is SGC in Stroud. The course comprises of:**

- **Fine art: 2D painting and 3D sculpture**
- **Fashion design**
- **Textiles and surface design**
- **Graphic design illustration**
- **4D design: product design, ceramics, applied crafts**
- **Photography**
- **Print making**
- **Contextual studies**
- **Drawing and sketchbooks**
- **Creativity and critical analysis**



# Key Application Dates



**Applications for Art Foundation courses are generally open all year round, though we encourage applicants to look to confirm placement in the autumn and spring terms of Y<sub>13</sub>.**

**Applicants are required to have 1 A-level (preferably in an Art or Design based subject – Art, Photography, Textiles, DT) along with 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, a portfolio.**

**Balcarras works closely with SGC to ensure that our UCAS references for alumni are shared, as the vast majority of alumni who go on to complete their Art foundation then go on to undergraduate Degree courses (in fine Art, Illustration, Photography, Architecture, and many other non-art-related subject areas).**

# Key Responsibilities



## Students

- **Complete application and portfolio (the volume and quality produced in Art, Photography, Textiles and DT is almost always sufficient). Inform DDH, tutor, EXD and DL.**

## Tutors

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process.**
- **Advise on potential post-Foundation applications.**
- **Compile Reference from completed subject references for HE future applications.**

## Sixth Form leadership team: DL, MBC, WR

- **Monitor, encourage and advise application process in conjunction with DDH.**
- **Advise on and proof-read application / organise practice interview support.**
- **DL to update and distribute Track information to Y13 tutors and Heads of Department.**

# Headlines 2022

## A-Level

<b>A* - A</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>A* - B</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>A* - C</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>A* - E</b>	<b>100%</b>

# UCAS & Post-18 Destinations

## 2021-22

<b>Cohort</b>	-	<b>190</b>
<b>Applied to UCAS</b>	-	<b>150 (79%)</b>
<b>Placed</b>	-	<b>130 (87%)</b>
<b>Placed FIRM</b>	-	<b>118 (79%)</b>
<b>Placed INS.</b>	-	<b>12 (8%)</b>
<b>Oxbridge</b>	-	<b>2 (of 2 offers)</b>
<b>MDV courses</b>	-	<b>4 (of 4 offers)</b>
<b>Russell Group</b>	-	<b>64 (49% of placed)</b>

## 2022-23

<b>Cohort</b>	-	<b>168</b>
<b>Applied to UCAS</b>	-	<b>147 (88%)</b>
<b>Placed</b>	-	<b>138 (94%)</b>
<b>Placed FIRM</b>	-	<b>126 (86%)</b>
<b>Placed INS.</b>	-	<b>12 (8%)</b>
<b>Oxbridge</b>	-	<b>1 (of 1 offers)</b>
<b>MDV courses</b>	-	<b>3 (of 3 offers)</b>
<b>Russell Group</b>	-	<b>56 (41% of placed)</b>



# Any Questions?

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