

**Welcome  
to  
Post 18  
Evening**



**Faringdon  
Community College**

# Introduction

## Presentation 1

Applying to University - Mrs Button  
and Miss Field

## Presentation 2

Applying for Apprenticeships  
and Other Post 18 Options -  
Tina Belcher and Zak Polley

## Presentation 3

Student Finance, Oxford Brookes -  
Amber Mobbs



# POST 18 OPTIONS



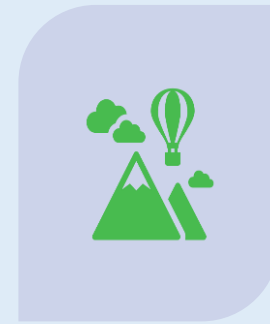
Higher  
education



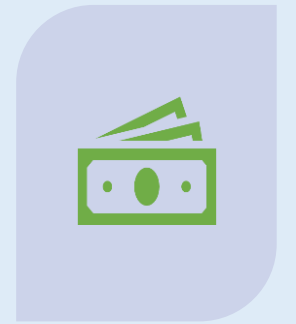
Apprenticeships/  
traineeships



Studying  
abroad

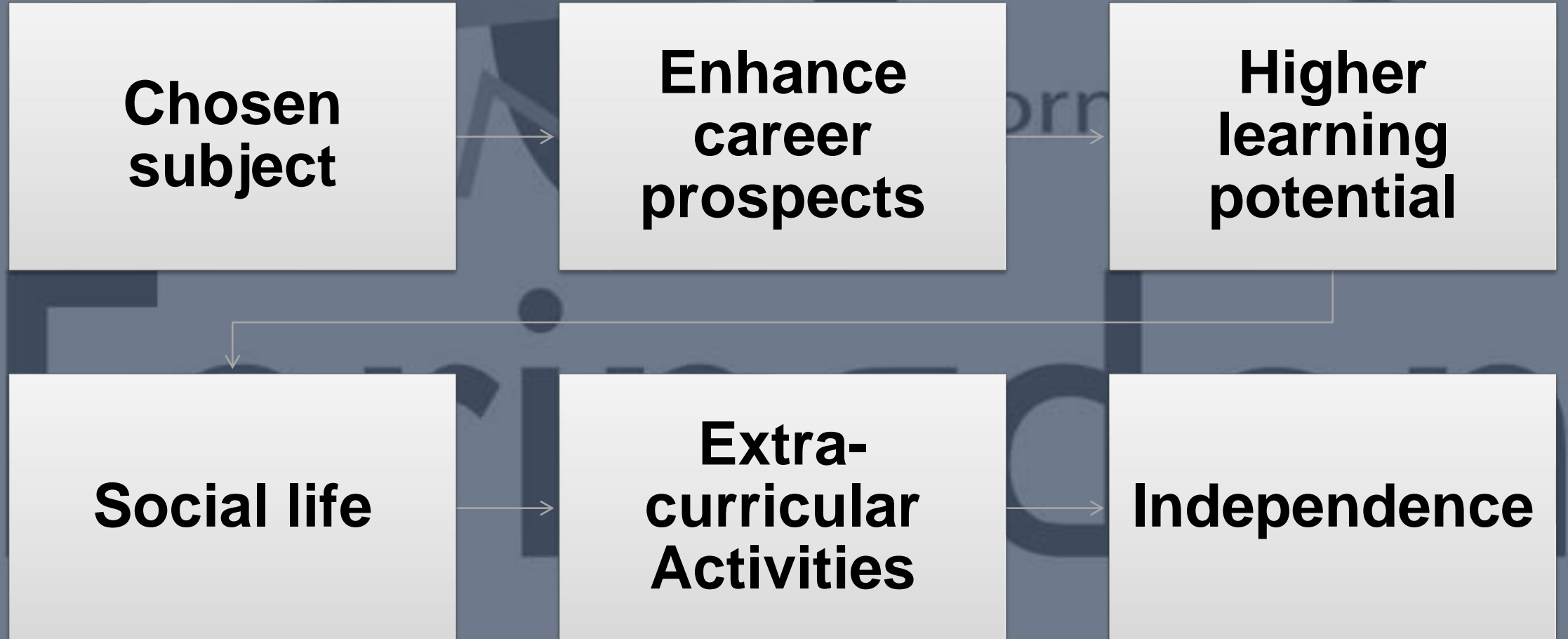


Gap year



Getting a job

# UNIVERSITY



# ADVICE SUBJECT

## What to study?

- Choose a subject you enjoy  
(you have to motivate yourself at university)
- If you decide to study a new subject make sure you have a sound knowledge of what it involves. Read the prospectus carefully and read around the subject
- Consider UCAS tariff points or grades.

# ADVICE SUBJECT

## What to study?



- What does the course cover?
- Courses with the same title may be very different.
- Look carefully at the core course content, and the range of optional studies/modules available.
- Which modules are the most interesting and relevant to career aspirations?
- See if the course or university/college offers any internship, placement, or study abroad opportunities.
- How is the course taught – structured teaching, or more independent research? How many lectures are there, and how much group work will be done in seminars?

# ADVICE UNIVERSITY

## Where to study?



- Far from home/close to home
- Cost of living – North/South, East/West divide
- University in Britain or abroad
- Campus or city university - size
- Metropolitan city or provincial town

# ADVICE UNIVERSITY

## Where to study?



- Style – traditional or modern (vocational)
- University reputation – Russell Group
- Culture and facilities – Sport, Music
- Accommodation – Halls or private rented (catered)
- Employment prospects, tuition fees, living costs

# Choice advice

Do your expected grades match up to the grade requirements?

- ✓ Be realistic when choosing universities.
- ✓ Be wise – spread your choices



# ADVICE

✓ speak to students  
(insider knowledge)

✓ Visit!



# THE UCAS PROCESS



Students should register in UCAS Hub to:

- explore careers, subjects, universities and apprenticeships
- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for virtual tours and online events
- turn predicted grades into Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using [Unibuddy](#)
- speak to career, higher education, and application specialists by attending the [Hub lives](#).
- explore [job profiles](#) to discover different career roles and pathways.

# Completing the UCAS application



Students register for a UCAS Hub account



Student complete their application – working their way through all sections and send it to their school/college



Teachers/advisers review the application and add reference and predicted grades



Applications are sent to UCAS by the school on behalf of the student



Universities/colleges make their decisions

# Organise everything in one place...

## Get organised:

Tools to search, favourite, shortlist, reflect, diary, and build application.

## Define what's important:

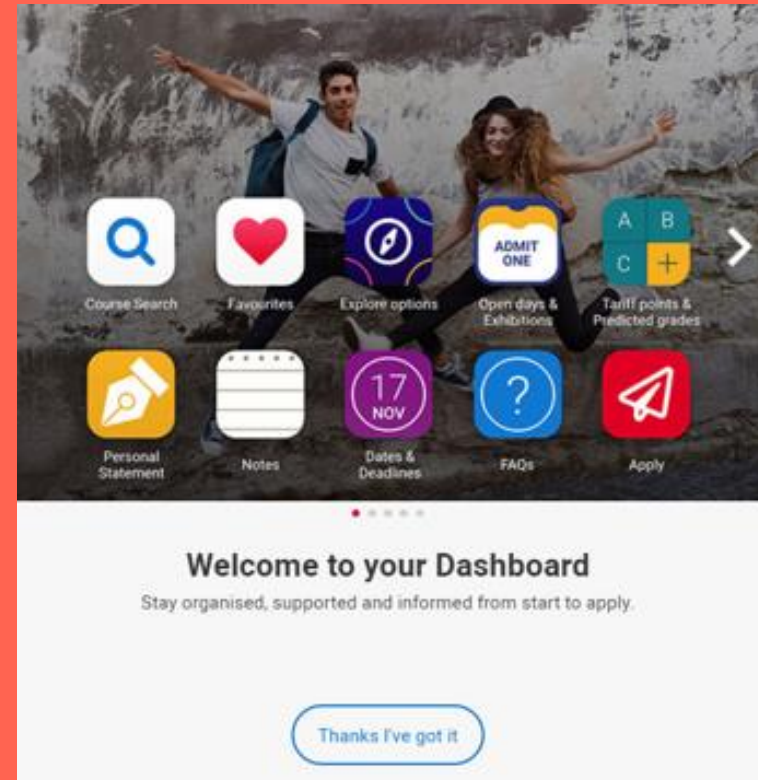
Distance from home, teaching satisfaction, work experience options, job outcomes...

## Make it yours:

Organise tools, remove the ones they don't need, and tick off their to do list. It's their space, and their future.

## Expanding horizons...

...by pushing options, they might not have considered.



# Free tools to help...



**Discovery Days** – at UCAS/Discovery you can explore all kinds of possibilities. Talk to subject and admissions experts, discover apprenticeships, get advice on personal statements, applying through UCAS, and more. Get stuck in and open your mind to a world of opportunities.



**Join UCAS Hub lives and Facebook lives** – each live session is hosted by an expert panel to give you what you need to make an informed decision.



**Accommodation search** – accommodation is high on the list when considering where you want to study, but it's not always easy to compare what's on offer. Understand what options there are using our new accommodation search.



## How to find the right student accommodation for you

This is it. Life is good. You're going to uni. Is it going to be the party paradise of on-campus halls, or a flat-share right in the middle of town? Maybe the cost of rent will decide, what supports on hand, or whether there's a bus stop...

[read more](#)

# Personal Statement



Guidance given today.

Help sheet and guide PowerPoint both available on Google Classroom

Select similar courses – you only get one personal statement and if you chose Quantum Mechanics and Zoology you'll have a hard time persuading an admissions tutor of your interests and intentions

**HOWEVER** - for medical applications you can also apply for Biomedical Sciences.

# OXBRIDGE

- Application process is more rigorous
- You cannot apply to both, so you need to pick one
- The deadline for applications is 15th October 2024 so you should be working on your personal statement through the summer holidays - along with ***veterinary science, dentistry and medicine.***
- Go to College Open Days
- Cambridge requires an extra application – the SAQ. If successful, an interview will be offered
- For some courses you have to sit additional entrance exams

# Applying through FCC



- Register with UCAS via the Hub
- Use your username and password to apply online
- Students can add up to 5 choices, unless they're applying to study medicine, veterinary, medicine/science, dentistry – then it's 4 choices
- Students can't apply to BOTH Oxford and Cambridge
- Applying costs £28.50 for 5 choices
- Apply by the equal consideration date
- Providers can't see other choices when you apply
- If they're applying with the help of a school, college or centre they should enter their 'buzzword' to link their application.
- **Faringdon 2025**
- The buzzword is a unique code for our centre.
- By linking their application students are giving us permission to view and track their application.
- It also means we can provide a reference.

# Applying through FCC

Sections to be completed:

- ✓ Personal details
- ✓ Contact and residency details
- ✓ Work experience
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Nationality details
- ✓ English language skills
- ✓ Supporting information
- ✓ Personal statement
- ✓ Choices – make up to five
- ✓ References
- ✓ Finance and funding
- ✓ Diversity and inclusion (for students with a UK home address)



The only section students have full control over



Students only chance to market themselves individually



The same for all choices



A maximum of 4,000 characters, or 47 lines



A minimum of 1,000 characters

There isn't a spelling or grammar check



No formatting is allowed

# UCAS TIMELINE

UCAS Application to register is open. FCC are using 26th June (Personal Development Day) to begin UCAS registering process

Applications open. FCC references begin to be processed

Most admissions tests (double check dates) students responsible for organising and liaising with exams officer

Summer 2024

15th Oct. 2024

May 2024

3rd Sep. 2024

Oct.–Nov. 2024

Choose your course and 5 universities

Admissions deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary & Dentistry

# UCAS TIMELINE continued



Begin to hear back from universities:  
conditional, unconditional or unsuccessful

UCAS Extra – chance to add another  
choice if you've used all 5 choices and  
had no offers

**Oct. 2024 – May 2025**

**29 Jan. 2025**

**Feb.–July 2025**

**Mar.–May 2025**

Admissions deadline

Apply for student finance

# FCC TIMELINE

- 25th June - UCAS Convention
- 26th June - Begin your UCAS online application and UCAS Predicted Grades released.
- 26th June - 16th September - UCAS Prediction review.
- Develop familiarity with UCAS Hub
- Summer 2024 – choose your course and 5 universities
- 3rd September 2024 – Applications open. FCC references begin to be processed
- 16th September - UCAS Predicted Grade Review Deadline

# FCC TIMELINE

- 10th October - Student Personal Statement Deadline
- 11th October 2024 – Deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary & Dentistry
- 5th November 2024 - FCC Teacher references deadline
- Oct/Nov 2024 – Most admissions tests (double check dates) students responsible for organising and liaising with exams officer
- 4th December - Confirmed choices deadline.
- 16th December - FCC UCAS Deadline
- 16th December 2024 – FCC Tutor References deadline.

# What should students be doing now?

- research
- extracurricular activities
- work experience
- go beyond the syllabus
- focus on this year's studies



# How can you support them?

## Research

Use the parents/guardians' section of the UCAS website at [www.ucas.com/parents](http://www.ucas.com/parents).

## Sign up

Sign up for parent updates from UCAS and get everything you need to know about the application process direct to your inbox.

## Open days

Attend virtual events and open days – you may have a different perspective.

## Be proactive

Make sure they read everything carefully that is sent to them and don't book holidays at key times!



**ANY QUESTIONS please contact  
Maria Button and/or Rhian Field**

# Preparation for September

**Punctuality** - be on time

**Dress code** - Skirts/shorts – must be longer than the tip of your middle finger when holding your arms straight by your side.

Tops – must cover all of your midriff when stood up and must not be strapless. Wide armholes that expose the torso are not allowed.

Logos or graphics must not be offensive to others e.g. swear words or references to illegal activities like drugs or weapons.

# Preparation for September



**Visible Leaders – 1 hour per week.**

**Social events - lead by our wonderful new Senior Students**

**Attendance - Every morning – mentoring session and lesson.**

**Parents to email Lisa if student is ill. Absence form to be completed and signed by parents for a pre-planned event.**