Post 16 Parental Careers Support 2026-2027

THE CAREERS & ENTERPRISE COMPANY

Vision Statement

We are dedicated to helping every student—from Year 7 onward—raise their aspirations, explore different pathways, and make informed decisions about their future. Our careers provision is designed to meet the needs of all students in line-quality guidance, employer encounters, and real-world experiences.

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Key milestones and decision points

Year 12

Milestones and Decision Points 1

Year 12 is a key period for exploring Post-18 options. Your child will take part in mock interviews, targeted careers workshops, a Higher Education Fair, and university visits, along with a 5-day external work placement. Because work placements fill up quickly, please help your child secure theirs as early as possible (key dates have been sent via text and email). We also encourage you to attend university open days with your child to help them make confident decisions about their future.

Milestones and Decision Points 2

As your child begins their UCAS applications, they will receive full support at Salter Sixth. However, your involvement at home is just as vital. Working together will ensure they feel confident and fully prepared as they apply for higher education.

UCAS

Year 13

Milestones and Decision Points 1

Year 13 is a crucial milestone as students focus on their A-Levels / BTEC Courses and decide on their next steps. At GSA, we guide them through this process with tailored careers activities, a Post-18 ‘Higher Education Fair', and a 1-to-1 impartial careers meeting for every student with our careers advisor, Mrs Johnson.

Milestones and Decision Points 2

A-Level Results Day

8:00 AM – Check UCAS Hub: See if your university places are confirmed (*Note: Hub shows application status, not individual grades*).
Collect Grades: Pick up your official grade slip from your school or college.

Scan this QR code or go to www.unifrog.org/parent

Enter your email address to open an account, or choose one of the Single sign-on options. After signing up, log into Unifrog via the student sign-in page!

Support for Families

Year 12

Key Events and Experiences 1

All students in Year 12 are going to be on work experience from 12/7/27 – 16/7/27.

For additional details regarding the process, you can also review this guide:
https://www.unifrog.org/placement/guides

Visit the careers section of our website for further information and support: https://georgesalter.com/for-students/careers-education-guidance

Key Events and Experiences 2

Unifrog: https://www.unifrog.org/ - *Our main platform for career exploration, personal statement drafting, and university/apprenticeship research.*
National Careers Service
https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/
Official government site offering job profiles, CV advice, and guidance on courses and funding.
UCAS: https://www.ucas.com/ - *The go-to site for exploring higher education courses, entry requirements, and application guidelines.*
Apprenticeships.gov.uk: https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/
Information on apprenticeships, including how to apply, available programmes, and employer insights.

Year 13

Key Events and Experiences 1

Unifrog: https://www.unifrog.org/ - *Our main platform for career exploration, personal statement drafting, and university/apprenticeship research.*
National Careers Service
https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/
Official government site offering job profiles, CV advice, and guidance on courses and funding.
UCAS: https://www.ucas.com/ - *The go-to site for exploring higher education courses, entry requirements, and application guidelines.*
Apprenticeships.gov.uk: https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/
Information on apprenticeships, including how to apply, available programmes, and employer insights.

Key Events and Experiences 2

Next Steps by Outcome
Met your grades: Celebrate! Check UCAS Hub and your email for joining instructions.
Narrowly missed: Check UCAS Hub—your top choice may still take you. If not, call their admissions team directly to ask about flexibility or alternative options.
Need a new place (Clearing): Browse open courses on UCAS, call universities directly to pitch yourself, and secure a verbal offer before adding it on UCAS Hub.
Exceeded grades: Use Clearing to explore higher-grade options if you wish, but hold onto your original place until a new offer is confirmed in writing.
Considering retakes/remarks: Speak to your school's exams officer immediately to review mark breakdowns.
Key Rule: Always make calls to universities yourself—admissions officers will only speak directly to the student.

Helping every young person find their best next step.