

Timeline for Year 13 Students 2010/11

SEPTEMBER

Think: what do I really want to get out of this year and am I achieving my full potential?

Research your options for after year 13.

Check any deadlines, especially for university – apply well before.

Your Connexions Careers Personal Adviser (PA) can help you with your career plans - make a time to talk to them.

Your careers co-ordinator/tutor can help you **plan your next steps** - talk to the right people.

If you want to go to university use prospectuses/websites. For help with ideas check out www.ukcoursefinder.com and www.bestcourse4me.com.

Start visiting **university open days** and making applications.

OCTOBER

15 October = UCAS deadline for medicine, dentistry, vet medicine/science courses and Oxford/Cambridge courses.

Your school/college may also set other application deadlines for this month – **check!**

Visit www.ucas.co.uk to check out higher education courses or www.apprenticeships.org.uk to find out about apprenticeships that could interest you.

Continue visiting university/apprenticeship providers **open events**. Talk to tutors to find out what's on offer and what learning there will really be like!

NOVEMBER

If you haven't already, use your **predicted grades, interests, learning styles** and **career plans** to help make your choices - talk to your subject teachers.

Weigh up the **pros** and **cons** of the different options.

Talk to your Connexions Careers PA/tutor!

Make **applications** for courses (except those with October deadline) or apprenticeships. (There may be a deadline already set by your school or college for UCAS).

DECEMBER

Continue finding out about **courses/apprenticeships/jobs** that interest you!

APRIL

Apply for **student finance** as appropriate – make sure you don't miss the deadline.

Have you **received an offer** for what you want? If you haven't heard, **ring up!**

Check the deadline to reply to UCAS offers – don't miss it!

MARCH

24 March = deadline for the non-January Art and Design courses

Check costs of courses etc and discuss any **support** you might need with student advisors.

Find out if you can get any **financial help** and **check the deadlines that apply to you**.

FEBRUARY

Continue applying for apprenticeships if appropriate – visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk.

If **looking for work** after year 13, start writing speculative letters to employers, talk to your PA and careers co-ordinator for help with contacts.

Prepare for course/apprenticeships **interviews** – these will take place this term onwards.

25 February - UCAS Extra starts if you've been unsuccessful in your applications so far. Check details, and visit 'Course Search' at www.ucas.com to find out which courses are advertising vacancies.

JANUARY

15 January = deadline for all other UCAS applications except for those Art and Design courses with March deadline.

Complete UCAS applications if you haven't done so – make sure you have a **back up plan**.

MAY

Make sure you've **replied** to any offers made.

If you want help with what to do after year 13, speak to your PA.

JUNE

If unsuccessful in your offers so far **you can still apply for higher education** through UCAS Extra until 6 July – check details at www.ucas.com.

If you still have **no clear plan** for after year 13, speak to your Connexions Careers PA.

JULY

If **looking for work**, visit your local Connexions centre.

AUGUST

Check your **options** in light of your results. If interested in higher education, UCAS '**Clearing**' operates for those who need help finding a university place after level 3 results come out.

Talk to your PA/careers co-ordinator if you **need more help**.

Check out when your start **dates are**, whether starting a job or further learning.

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