



Meadowhead Sixth Form Next Steps Evening

Thursday 18th May 2023



Next Steps – Support so far in Y12

- September – presentation from Cerys Evans about progression options
- October/November – presentations from representatives from each option
- Covered range of skills in tutor time:
 - VESPA Programme, Research poster project, Research, Revision and Study skills
- February – Work Experience week
- Visits to University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University
- Weekly bulletin of careers/progression opportunities
- Enrichment programme - classroom support, peer mentoring, super and extra curricular
- Oxbridge group
- High expectations of academic performance; ongoing pastoral and academic support



Sheffield Hallam Aspirin
Masterclass, January



HSE Visit,
February



Sheffield
University Trip,
March



Sheffield Hallam
University Visit, May





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Next Steps – Upcoming in Y12

- Now – Careers Support Subject Sessions
- 8th June – Oxford Trip
- W/C 19th June – Assessment Week
- 16th June – UCAS Convention
- 4th July – Leeds Beckett University Trip





Film, cinematics, and photography



Aerospace engineering



Game design



Classical studies



Hospitality, leisure, and tourism



Software engineering

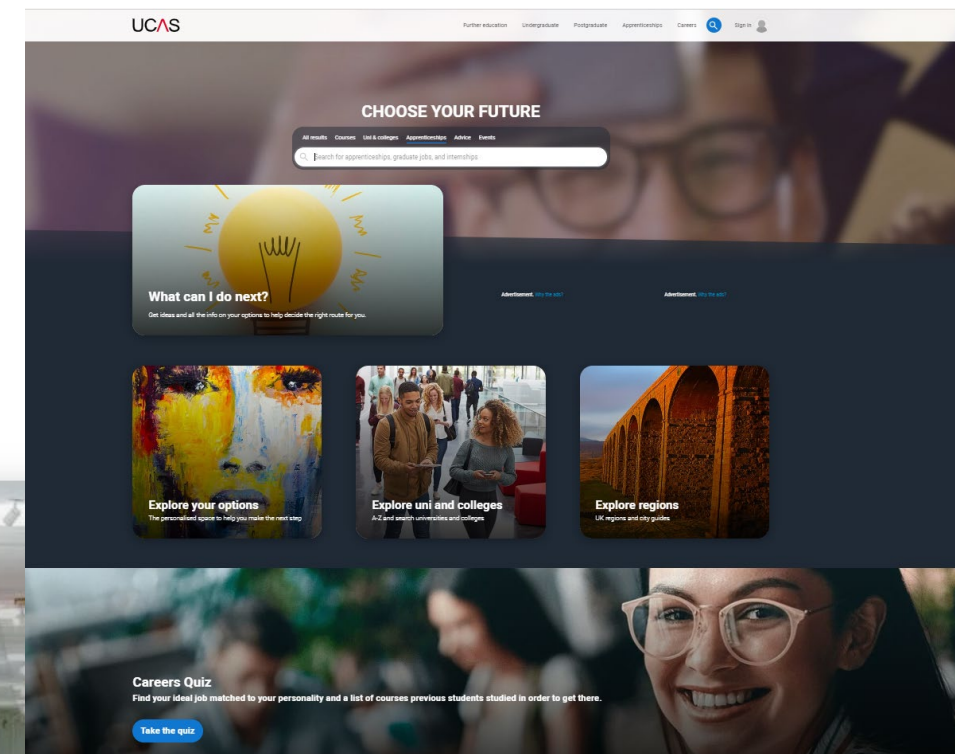


Sport

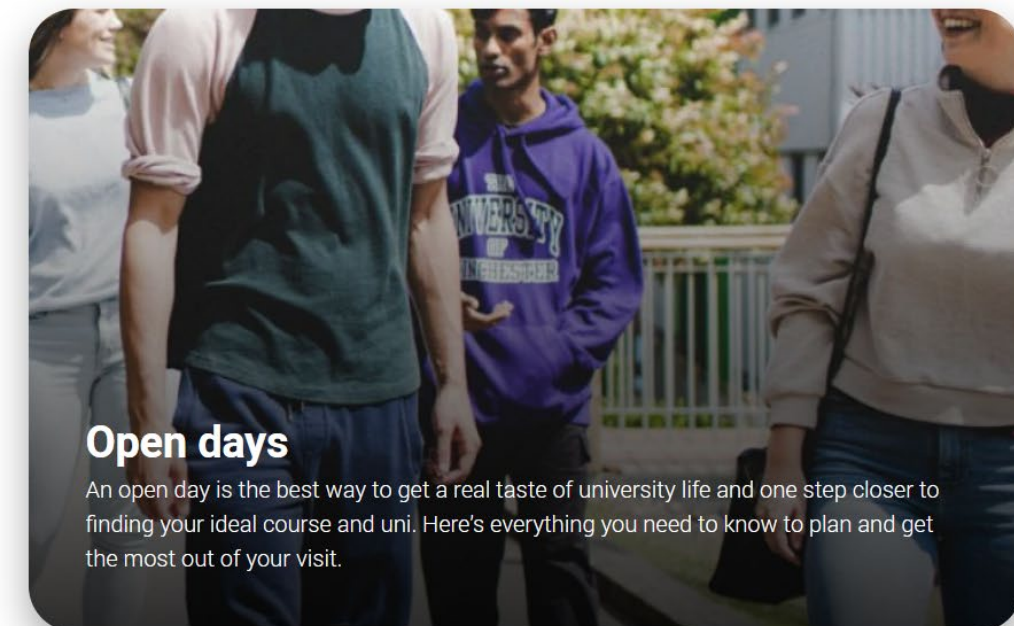


Media studies

Registering begins in
tutor time next week

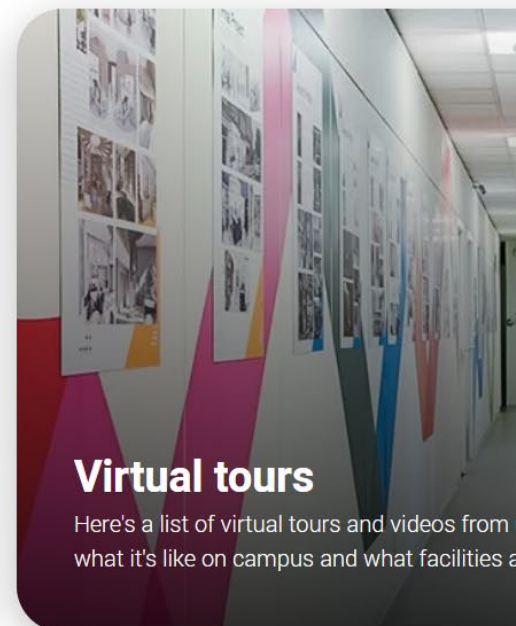


Open days and virtual tours



Open days

An open day is the best way to get a real taste of university life and one step closer to finding your ideal course and uni. Here's everything you need to know to plan and get the most out of your visit.



Virtual tours

Here's a list of virtual tours and videos from universities and colleges, so you can see what it's like on campus and what facilities are available.



2024 entry dates

2 May 2023	UCAS search tool displays 2024 courses.
9 May 2023	Adviser portal opens for 2024 entry.
16 May 2023	Undergraduate applications open for 2024 entry.
12 July 2023	Conservatoires applications open for 2024 entry.
5 September 2023	Completed undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS.
2 October 2023	Closing date for conservatoires music applications.
16 October 2023	Applications for Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time).
31 January 2024	Applications for the majority of undergraduate courses should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time) on the equal consideration date.
	Closing date for most conservatoires dance/drama/musical theatre applications.



UCAS

Key Changes to UCAS



- Teacher references have been simplified



Enter a general statement about your school/college/centre.



If applicable, enter any information about extenuating circumstances which may have impacted the applicant's education and achievement.



Outline any other supportive information specific to the applicant and relevant to the course(s) applied for that you think universities/colleges should be aware of.

- The process for students is unchanged, with Personal Statements still following the same format

UCAS



Searching for opportunities

UK universities

You have [1 shortlist](#)

Start >

Oxbridge

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Apprenticeships

Make your first shortlist

Start >

College / Sixth Form

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Special opportunities

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Events

You have 0 upcoming events

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Drafting application materials

UK Personal Statement

✕ Subject added

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Academics

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Subject References

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CV / Résumé

✕ Write CVs tailored for each roles

Start >

Writing tool

✕ 0 writing items added

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Notes for Reference writers

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What are the **best grades** you're likely to get by the time you leave school / college?

* Qualification 1	A Level	C (32 points)
Qualification 2	BTEC Extended Certificate	D (48 points)
Qualification 3	A Level	B (40 points)
Qualification 4	--- please select a qualification ---	






















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We suggest students apply for
1 aspirational course, 3 solid
courses and 1 safe course

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














Aspirational (79)

Top of your range

 Mechanical Engineering - 4FT/5FT/5SW + Abroad MEng (Hon) 
 University of Leeds RG A Level: A*,A,A
 Mechanical Engineering - 3FT/4FT/4SW + Abroad BEng (Hon) 
 University of Leeds RG A Level: A*,A,A
 Product Design - 3FT/4FT/4SW + Abroad BSc (Hons) 
 University of Leeds RG A Level: A,A,A
 Product Design Engineering - 5FT MEng (Hon) 
 University of Glasgow RG A Level: A,A,A
 Product Design Engineering. - 4FT MEng (Hon) 
 Queen's University Belfast RG A Level: A,A,A
 Product Design Engineering - 4FT MEng (Hon) 
 Loughborough University TT BTEC Extended Certificate: D A Level: A,A,A
 Product Design Engineering (with placement year) - 5SW MEng (Hon) 
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













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 Jewellery - 1FT HNC
 University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) Requirement: Not given. Check their site (Avg UCAS points 119)
 Product Design - 3FT BA (Hons)
 Leeds Beckett University UCAS Points: 112
 Furniture and Product Design - 4SW BA (Hons)
 Nottingham Trent University A Level: B,B,C
 Furniture and Product Design - 3FT BA (Hons)
 Nottingham Trent University A Level: B,B,C
 Design for Stage and Screen (Design for Theatre and Live Performance) - 3FT BA (Hons)
 Nottingham Trent University A Level: B,B,C
 Product Design - 3FT BA (Hons)
 Nottingham Trent University A Level: B,B,C
 Product Design - 3FT BSc (Hons)
 Nottingham Trent University A Level: B,B,C
 Product Design - 4SW BSc (Hons)
 Nottingham Trent University A Level: B,B,C

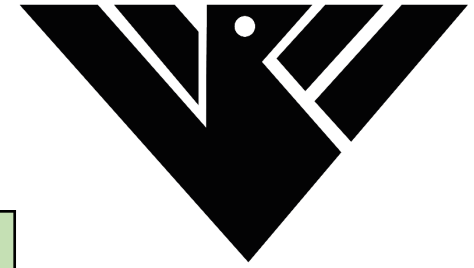
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 Product Design (with Foundation Year) - 4FT/5SW BA (Hons)
 Bristol, University of the West of England Foundation year UCAS Points: 88
 Product Design Technology (with Foundation Year) - 4FT/5SW BSc (Hons)
 Bristol, University of the West of England Foundation year UCAS Points: 88
 Product and Furniture Design with Foundation Year - 4FT BA (Hons)
 Birmingham City University A Level: C,C,D Foundation year
 Product Design - 3FT BSc (Hons)
 Buckinghamshire New University A Level: C,C,D-B,C,C
 Dylunio Cynnyrch - 3FT BSc (Hons)
 Bangor University UCAS Points: 88-120
 Product Design - 3FT BSc (Hons)
 Bangor University UCAS Points: 88-120
 Product Design with foundation year - 4FT/5SW BSc
 Sheffield Hallam University Foundation year

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How do UCAS Points work?



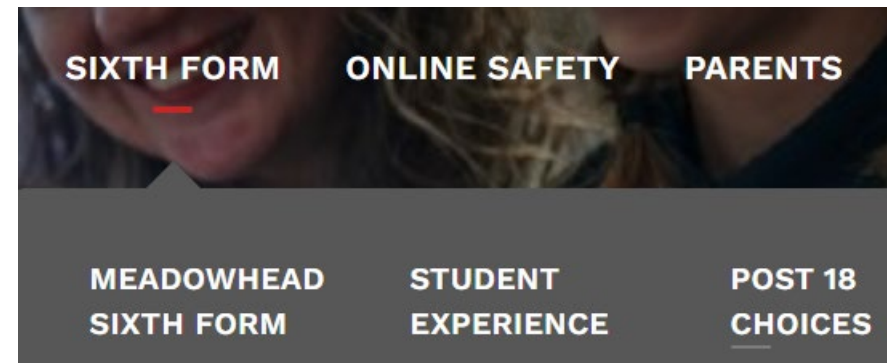
UCAS Tariff points	A level	BTEC Subsidiary Diplomas	EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
56	A*	D*	
48	A	D	
40	B		
32	C	M	
28			A*
24	D		A
20			B
16	E	P	C
12			D
8			E

Next Steps – Support in the next six months

- This half term – Support writing a Personal Statement (all students), to be completed by the end of Y12
- This half term – EPQ launch by Mr Gardiner
- September (onwards) – Support for applications to employment/apprenticeships
- Building towards 16th October – Support for applications to Oxbridge/Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Science
- October Half Term – Internal deadline for UCAS applications
- October Half Term – Mock interviews (all students)
- November/December – Interview support

What can families do?

- Use the Post-18 choices section of the school website
- Consider interests; favourite subjects; career aspirations
- Help students be critical of information and offers from different providers
- Provide support for students visiting Open Days, Insight Days and attending interviews
- Use Unifrog + UCAS search function
 - see what's available, discuss course content, entry requirements (exam results; other?), location of university, accommodation
- Explore other options (apprenticeships, employment)
- Encourage students to take advantage of enrichment opportunities
- Family contacts
 - e.g. work experience, support with interviews, check personal statements/ applications, advice on courses/training etc.
- Support with success in exams!





Key Dates

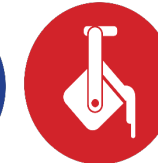
UCAS Convention – Friday 16th June

Assessment Week – Week commencing 19th June

Leeds Beckett Trip – Tuesday 4th July (Sports Day)

Final day for students – Friday 21st July

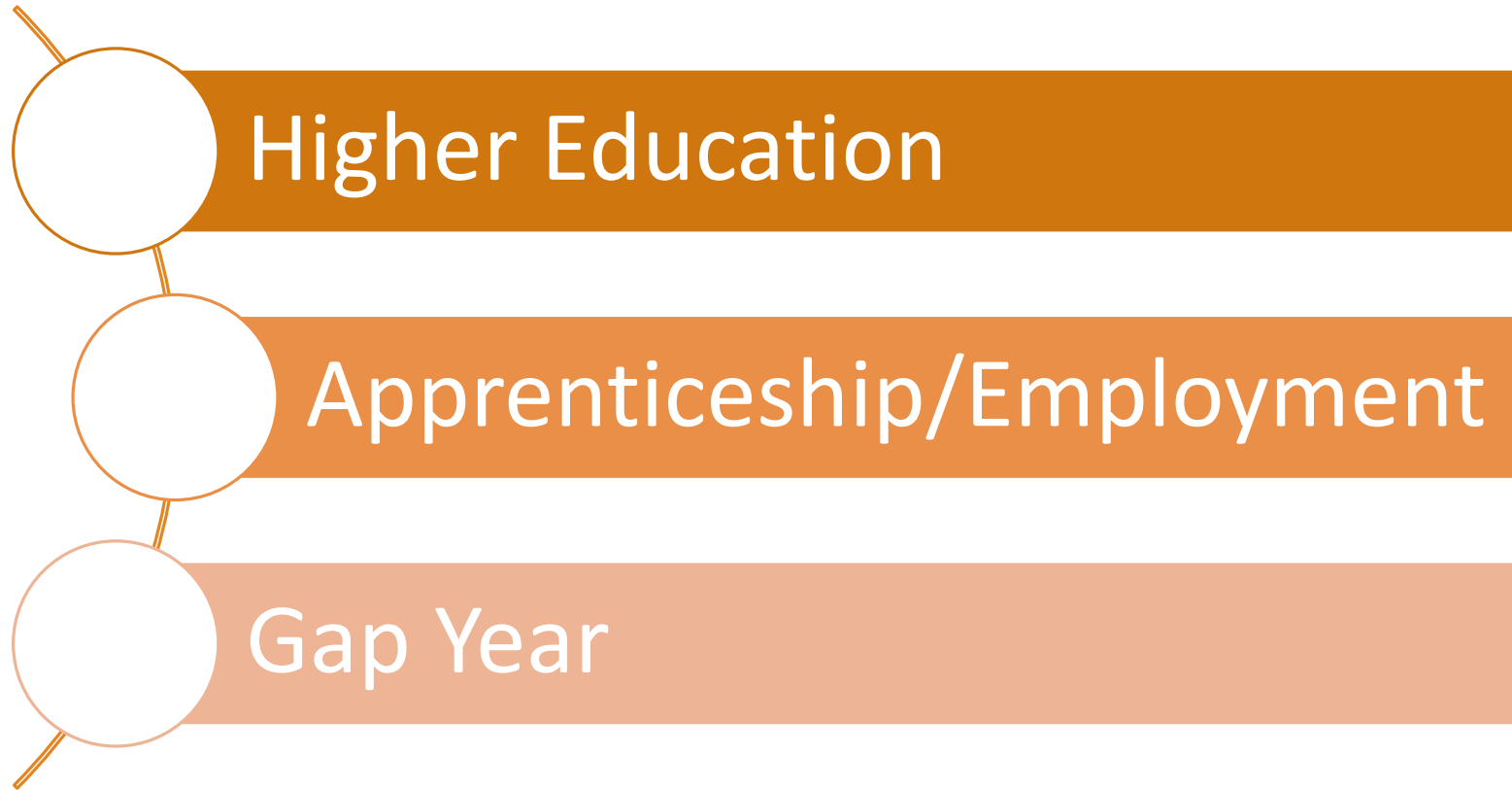
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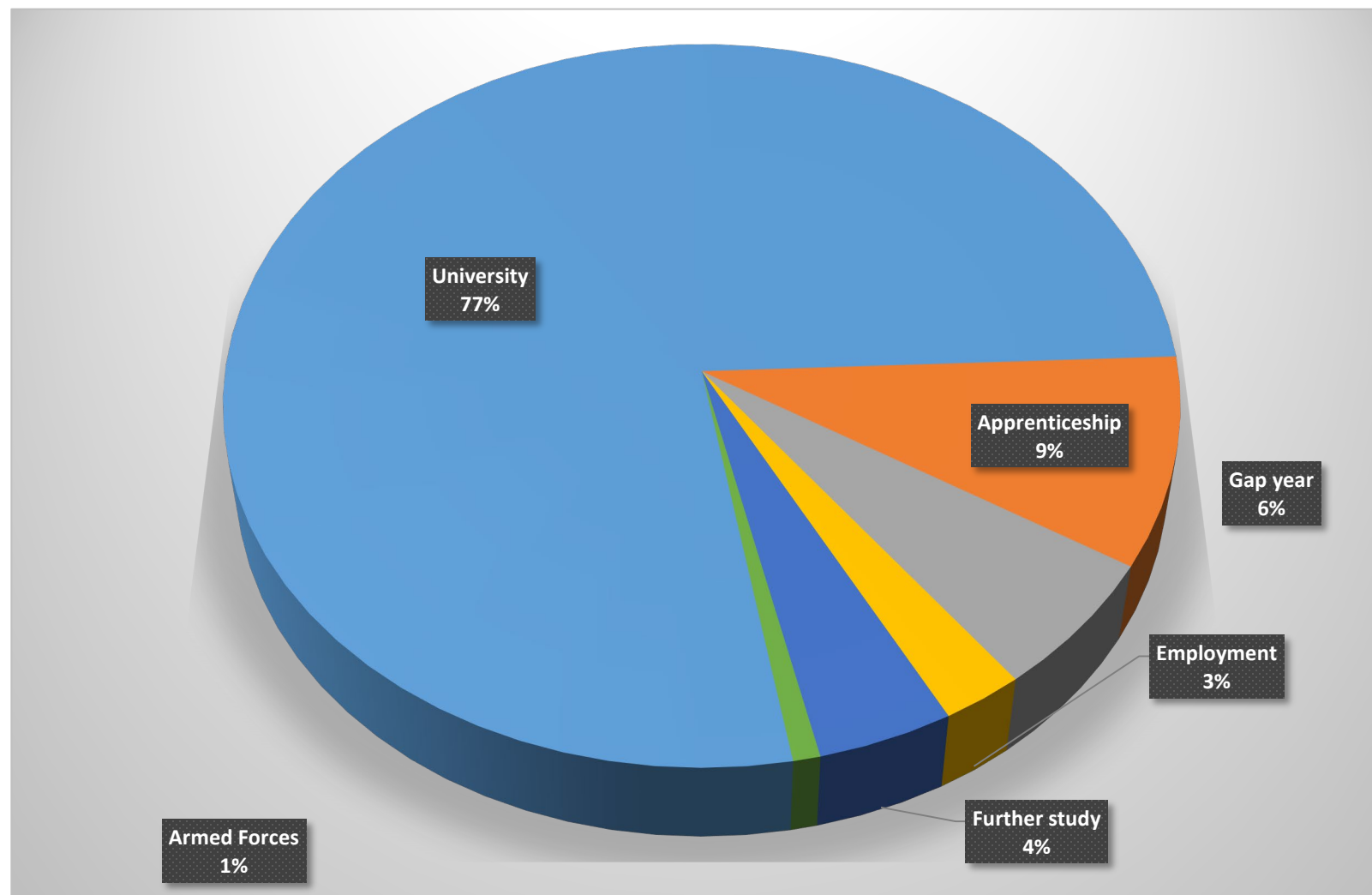
Options after Y13

Cerys Evans, Careers Leader

The main options



What do Meadowhead students do after Y13? 2022 *leavers*



The headlines

- The current job market
 - The need for qualifications and experience continues
 - Graduate recruitment appears to have bounced back post-pandemic
 - Plenty of apprenticeship vacancies around, but are they in the job sectors/apprenticeship levels students are interested in?
- University landscape
 - The road to one million
- Myths
 - Degrees that lead to a job are the only route to graduate jobs
 - Russell Group universities are the only ones worth considering
 - Apprenticeships are the easy option

Qualifications + Experience + Choices

How would your child prefer to gain qualifications & develop experience?

Consider:

- Any future plans
- How they prefer to learn and be assessed
- Predicted A level/BTEC grades
- How ready they are to make a decision about career
- Financial or practical preferences

What is the motivation behind the decision?

'I want to learn more about my chosen subject'

'I want a well-paid job'

'I want to start a professional career or find a graduate level job'

'I want to do something where I feel happy and fulfilled'

'I want to experience university life'

'A degree is needed for my chosen career'

'I want a break from education'

'I feel ready to start working now'

'I want to give myself time to work out my direction'

'I want to work for myself'

HE: what type of institution/course?

Institution

Russell Group

Red brick

New universities

Specialist universities

HE in FE

City/campus/rural

Course

Bachelor's degree

Integrated Master's degree

Foundation degree/HNC/HND

Foundation year

Alternative options in education

18+ Art Foundation Diploma:

- required or preferred by some universities or art colleges before progression to a degree programme in art/design

Courses in a new subject area:

- Access to HE Diploma Science
- NCTJ Pre-Entry Journalism

Employment-related options

Apprenticeship, degree apprenticeship, full-time job, self-employment?

- These opportunities are more limited in number than university, but they continue to be a popular choice
- A chance to earn, build experience and avoid debt
- Some challenges for young people to consider
 - Competitive process (in most cases)
 - Recruitment throughout the year
 - Does the apprenticeship you want exist?
 - Are you ready for the workplace?
 - Do you have a career direction in mind?

Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2023

Employer	Sector	App levels	New Starts 2021-2022
British Army	Armed Forces	2 3 4	6,205
Royal Navy	Armed Forces	2 3 4 6	3,625
BT	Technology	2 3 4 5 6 7	2,781
RAF	Armed Forces	2 3 4	1,772
Dept of Work & Pensions	Public Sector	2 3 4 5 6 7	1,340
Clarkson Evans	Construction	2 3 4 5 6	141
Mitchell & Butler	Hospitality	2 3 4 5 6 7	1,792
RSM	Professional Services	3 4 6 7	422
BAE Systems	Engineering & Industrial	2 3 4 5 6 7	773
Grant Thornton	Professional Services	3 4 6 7	414

Gap year options

International experience:

- Volunteering
- Paid employment
- Travelling
- Study schemes
- A combination of these

In the UK:

- Year in Industry
- Volunteering
- Paid employment
- Further study
- A combination of these

Supporting the non-uni routes

Apprenticeship/work-related group sessions

Events

- Apprenticeships: Be Inspired recruitment fair: March 2024
- Promotion of apprenticeship events offered by SHU, AMRC etc
- Vacancies and events shared through weekly opportunities bulletin

Careers adviser drop-in sessions

- Tuesday tutor time (after briefing in common room)
- Tuesdays H13, P6/after school

Careers adviser email: careers@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

Questions

I'll be available in the Rosling this evening to answer any questions

After today, please contact the careers team at careers@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk



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Student Finance and Managing your

Jack Render – Student Recruitment &
Outreach Officer

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TOP 100
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The Higher Education Progression Partnership South Yorkshire (HeppSY) is part of a national programme to help school and college students in South Yorkshire, who are most at risk of missing out on higher education. HeppSY is working in partnerships with Sheffield Hallam University, the University of Sheffield, and South Yorkshire colleges and schools.

Visit: www.heppsy.org.

Follow: @HeppSYplus



What will it cost?

Tuition fee (£9,250 per year):

Covers all essential course costs

Maintenance costs:

- Accommodation
- Study materials
- Food and drink
- Social activities





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Support from the government



Tuition fee loans

- You won't pay anything upfront
- Not based on your household income

- The government will always cover the full cost of your tuition fee each year
- So if the fee rises once you have started your course, the loan will rise to match this

Maintenance loans

To cover maintenance costs:

- Accommodation
- Utility bills
- Food

- Based on your **household income**
- Different based on **location** (London)
- Different based on whether you live at home (with parents/guardians), or elsewhere (at university)

Maintenance loans in England 2023/24

	2022 to 2023 academic year	2023 to 2024 academic year
Living with your parents	Up to £8,171	Up to £8,400
Living away from your parents, outside London	Up to £9,706	Up to £9,978
Living away from your parents, in London	Up to £12,667	Up to £13,022
You spend a year of a UK course studying abroad	Up to £11,116	Up to £11,427
If you're 60 or over on the first day of the first academic year of your course	Up to £4,106	Up to £4,221

Maintenance loans in England 2023/24

Household Income	Home	Elsewhere	London
£25,000 & under	£8,400	£9,978	£13,022
£30,000	£7,694	£9,265	£12,297
£35,000	£6,988	£8,552	£11,571
£40,000	£6,282	£7,839	£10,845
£45,000	£5,576	£7,125	£10,120
£50,000	£4,869	£6,412	£9,394
£55,000	£4,163	£5,699	£8,668
£60,000	£3,698	£4,986	£7,943
£65,000	£3,698	£4,651	£7,217
£70,040 & over	£3,698	£4,651	£6,485



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Applying for Student Finance

GOV.UK Login or register for student finance

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Part-time and postgraduate doctoral applications are open. Sign in to apply now! [Show more](#)

Login

Email address or Customer Reference Number (CRN)

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Continue

Create an account

If you're not already registered, you can create a new account. You'll need an account if:

- you're a **student**, and you want to apply for student finance
- you're a **parent or partner of a student** and need to provide information to support their application.

Create an account



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Student loan repayment

Tuition fee loan

+

**Maintenance
loan**

= Student loan

Repayment reminders:

- The April after you leave university
- When you are earning **over** £25,000 a year
- Interest will be generated on a student loan when the first instalment is paid
- Anything unpaid after 40 years is **written off**

Repayments

Yearly income before tax	Monthly income before tax	Monthly repayment
£25,000	£2,083	£0
£27,000	£2,250	£15
£30,000	£2,500	£38
£32,000	£2,666	£53
£35,000	£2,917	£75

Repayments are calculated as 9% of anything earned above £25,000

Repayments are always based on **what you earn**- not what you owe. Most people **never pay it all back**.

How will I pay?

- Monthly student finance repayments are managed by your employer.
- The money will **come out of your wages** before they even get to you.
- If you're self employed, HMRC will work out how much you need to pay from your tax return, and you'll pay at the same time you pay your tax.



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Can I pay it off early?

- Yes you can, but you need to ask yourself if it's really a wise use of your money.
- The majority of people will never pay off their student loan, and as it is a manageable deduction from your wages you may barely even notice you're paying it off.
- You can make a repayment to the Student Loans Company at any time, with no penalty for early repayment.
- There are no debt collectors for student loans!



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What are some other sources of income whilst studying?



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Part time work

Scholarships

Money

**Disabled
students
allowance**

Bursaries

**Work for the
University**



Support from the university

1. Bursaries
2. Scholarships
3. Access to the Careers Service for a lifetime after graduating

This support is specific to the University of Sheffield for 2023

Additional funding

There are a wealth of other funding streams available that can support students at university.

A lot of academic departments have their own awards (often based on academic merit).

See more at: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees-funding/additional

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How much will you get?

Level of study

Year of entry

What is your fee status?

What department will you study in?
You can find this out by looking on your course page in our [online prospectus](#)

Where do you live?

Your household income
£

Your postcode e.g. S10 2TN

Where are you planning to live during your period of study?
☐ At home ☒ Away from home

Will you be aged 60 or over on the first day of your course?
☐ Yes ☒ No

What are your top three predicted/achieved A Level grades?
Select an A Level equivalence for an alternative qualification

sheffield.ac.uk/funding/calculato

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Part- time work

**Supplemen
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loan**

**Income and
invaluable
experience
plus
confidence**

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- You live in an area with a low rate of participation in higher education
- You're a care leaver
- You're care experienced
- You're estranged from family
- You're a carer
- You're a forced migrant
- You have parenting responsibilities
- You're entitled to free school meals

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- As an **Access+** student, you'll be eligible for wraparound support:
- financial support; Funded Open Days, IT & Equipment Bursaries, Sheffield Bursary
- a dedicated team on hand to answer your questions about university
- help with study skills and revision
- A reduced grade offer equivalent to one grade below the standard A Level entry requirements
e.g. if the formal entry requirements for your course are ABB and you meet the criteria, you'll receive an alternative offer of BBB.



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