



SIXTH FORM @ UPTON

Inspiring
Young People

WELCOME
YEAR 13 PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

Inspection of Upton Hall School FCJ

Upton, Wirral, Merseyside CH49 6LJ

Inspection dates: 28 and 29 June 2022

Overall effectiveness	Outstanding
The quality of education	Outstanding
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Outstanding
Sixth-form provision	Outstanding
Previous inspection grade	Not previously inspected under section 5 of the Education Act 2005

Ofsted has not previously inspected Upton Hall School FCJ under section 5 of the Education Act 2005. However, Ofsted previously judged Upton Hall School FCJ to be outstanding, before it opened as an academy.

Pupils and students feel safe and happy at school because staff nurture their aspirations and self-belief. Leaders have taken care to prioritise pupils' wider development alongside support for them to achieve academic excellence.'

'They are ambitious in their next steps because staff, external speakers and visits have inspired them to achieve their goals. Many students in the sixth form secure places on competitive university courses'

'Leaders are unapologetically ambitious for all pupils, including those with SEND'

Miss Griffiths- Director of Sixth Form

Miss Butterworth- Deputy Director of Sixth Form

Miss Baguley- Sixth Form Secretary

Mr Fitzgerald- UCAS Co-Ordinator

Mrs Douglas- Careers Adviser

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THE SIXTH FORM TEAM

Monday 16th October- Early Entrance 'Pay and Send' deadline-
Oxbridge, Medics, Vet Science, Dentistry

Monday 16th October- Internal UCAS Deadline

November 2022- 'Pay and Send' for UCAS applications

November 2022- Early Entrance Interviews based on offers

Friday 20th October 2022- Half Term Break

Saturday 4th November- School Mass (School Day)

W/C Monday 6th November- Year 13 Mock Exams

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 'Open Door' Policy
- Fair but Firm
- Realistic understanding of life as an Upton Sixth Former
- Clear expectations
- Life experiences
- Firm understanding of all things Sixth Form including UCAS, Degree Apprenticeships, Common Application (USA Universities)

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WHAT STUDENTS EXPECT FROM ME?

Engagement and Enjoyment

Respect

Excellence and Hard work

Upholding the FCJ Values

Role models to the rest of the school – Setting the 'bar' – Dress, behaviour, manner, work ethic

Attendance, punctuality and behaviour – 96% attendance
More than 2 lates per week will trigger a lunchtime Sixth Form Punctuality detention on a Thursday lunchtime.

Extensive pastoral support

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WHAT I EXPECT FROM SIXTH FORMERS?

Sixth Form Dress Code

Members of the Sixth Form are leaders and highly valued members of the school community. As such, you set a standard which is noted by younger members of the school. Sixth Form students are expected to achieve high standards of work and commitment. Dress is an important part of creating a business-like approach to Sixth Form life. Leisure wear can create a false impression among younger students that the Sixth Form is a leisurely experience. You are therefore requested to wear a **suit** that would be suitable for business.



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Sixth Form life is about preparing students for the future, therefore we expect students to be professionally attired.

Our Sixth Form dress code of a smart suit includes:

- A blazer/tailored jacket (black, blue, grey, cream)
- Tailored trousers or skirt (black, blue, grey)
- Smart top or shirt
- Smart shoes (please see items not permitted below)
- Sixth Form Lanyard (issued in the first half term)
- Facial jewellery is limited to earrings or one small nose stud
- Coats (outside the building only)
- Hair should be dyed natural colours

The following items are not permitted:

- Jeans
- Shorts
- Leggings
- Short skirts (over 2 inches above the knee)
- Tops with logos
- Strappy tops
- Sweatshirts/hoodies
- Trainers or white soled shoes
- Canvas shoes
- Nose rings or facial jewellery other than a small nose stud

Safeguarding:

Students should alert tutors, teachers, or Sixth Form Team with concerns

Changes in circumstances

Worries/concerns

Email from school email not personal

Wellbeing:

Tutors, staff, sixth form team

Group sessions

MFA

Bursary

Social Mobility

Communication

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Safeguarding and Student Wellbeing



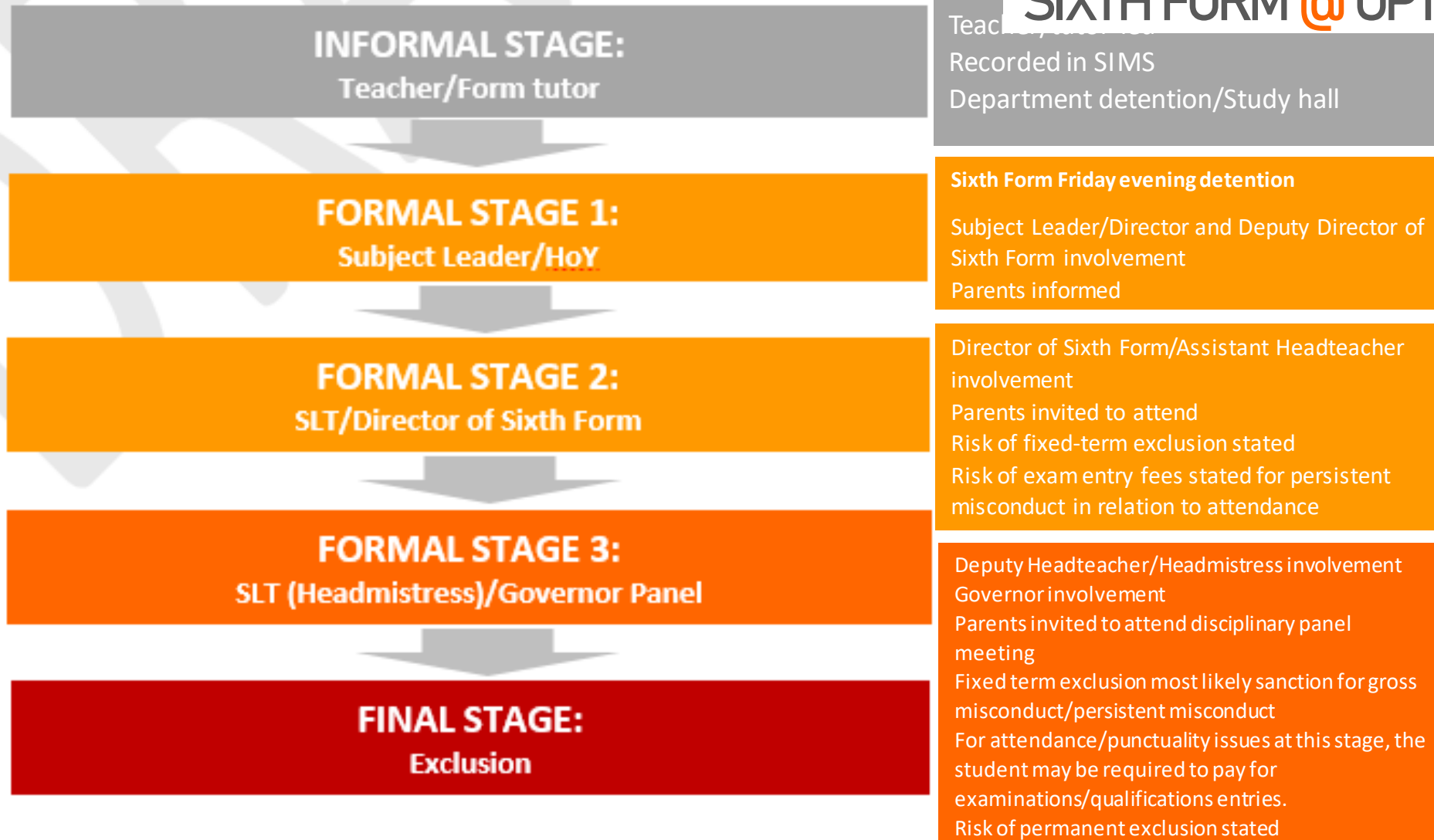
HAPPIER GIRLS
DO BETTER



GIRLS
ON BOARD

An approach that **empowers** girls in school to navigate the choppy waters of friendships for themselves.

GIRLS ON BOARD @ UPTON HALL



CODE OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR/ATTITUDE PATHWAY AT UPTON SIXTH FORM.



Use **subject tests** from Summer (or Autumn where applicable to gain specific feedback and act on it)



Make a strong start with **non-examination assessments (NEAs/‘coursework’)** in Art, English Lit/Lang, EPQ, Film Studies, Geography, History, IT, PE, D&T



Catch up on online work through Google Classroom (This needs to be built into students' independent study time.)



Be prepared with **university/ apprenticeship applications.**

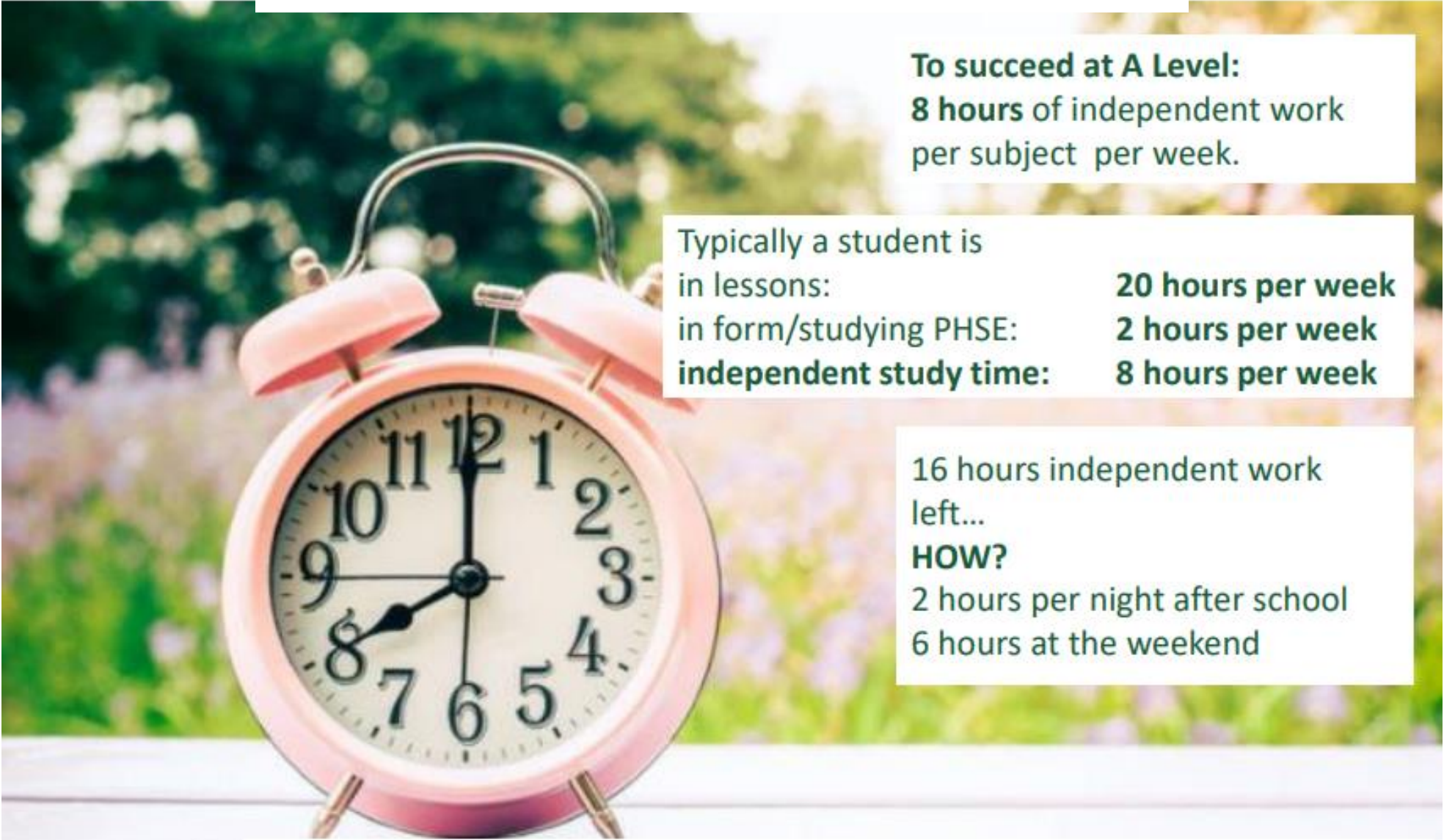


Attend support sessions in subjects/ or holiday classes, where applicable. Access pastoral support.



Prepare fully for **mock examinations in November and January** (October half term and the Christmas holidays will be crucial here)

THE WORKING WEEK



To succeed at A Level:
8 hours of independent work
per subject per week.

Typically a student is
in lessons: **20 hours per week**
in form/studying PHSE: **2 hours per week**
independent study time: **8 hours per week**

16 hours independent work
left...
HOW?
2 hours per night after school
6 hours at the weekend

The average full time employee in the UK completes 43 hours per week work.

Perfect

Practice makes
perfect

Often we see students who put in lots of effort. Where this doesn't lead to progress, we might wonder why.

Academic progress is about **how** students work as much as **how long they work for.**

THE EXAM PRACTICE CYCLE

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Content

Learning and understanding the material through reviewing and recall

Skills

Putting the knowledge into practice in high-stakes contexts.

For example, timed exam questions, tough questions, complete mock tests.

Feedback

Gaining feedback from their teacher or from mark schemes.



NEA- NON EXAMINED ASSESSMENT

NEAs are largely portfolio/project-based work that students undertake in Years 12 and 13, with the vast majority of the NEAs being completed in Year 13.

The weightings of NEAs are given below, where they apply to qualifications:

Art (portfolio and personal study): 60% of the A Level

English Language: 20% of the A level

English Literature: 20% of the A level

Film Studies: 30% of the A level

Geography: 20% of the A level

History: 20% of the A level

PE: 30% of the A level

Product Design: 50% of the A level

EPQ: 100% of the A level

BTEC IT: 2 modules (50%) of the BTEC

BTEC Health and Social care: 2 modules (50%) of BTEC



Early Applicant Deadline: Monday 9th October to be pay and sent after pre admissions examinations by 16th October 2022

Deadline for UCAS Applicants: Internal deadline: Monday 16th October 2022

Music Conservatoires: 2nd October 2022

Dance/Drama/Theatre Conservatoires- Please check individual websites for specific deadlines

UCAS Extra- 22nd February 2023

UCAS Clearing- (You can start looking at courses) June 29th 2023

EARLY APPLICANTS AND THE UCAS PROCESS



A LEVELS AND PART TIME JOBS

Part Time Work vs A Level Study analysis November 2022 to May 2023

- Average A Level grade Upton – B
- Average Grade of students who did not have a PT job/ PT job hours in the week = A-
- Average grade of students who worked 2-3 4 hour shift in the week is = C

EARLY APPLICANTS AND THE UCAS PROCESS



1 Choose courses

- UCAS course search
- Unifrog
- Sunday Times Good University Guide
- UniStats
- Which? University
- Open Days
- 5 choices (range)**

2 Apply at www.ucas.com

- Apply in UCAS 2022
- Personal statement submitted
- 'Pay and send' - £26.50
- School references completed.
- Schools sends to UCAS.

3 Track the application

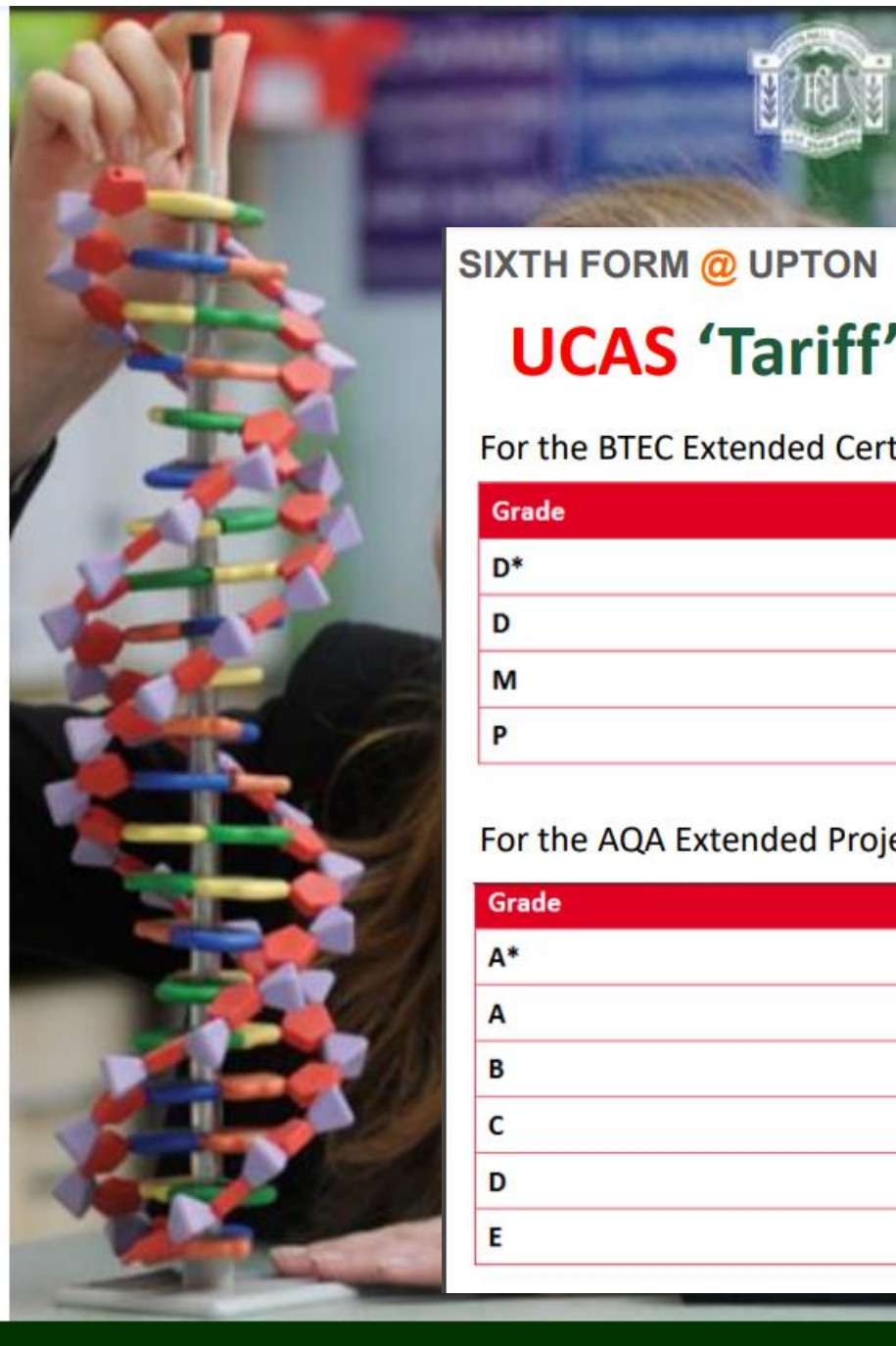
- Testing for some courses
- Offers
- Mock interviews
- Interviews
- Search for bursaries/scholarships

4 Confirm choices

- Offers usually come in **by 31 March, replies from students by 5 May**
- Firm Insurance UCAS 'Extra'**
- Apply for finance

UCAS 'Tariff' Points

AS Level	A Level	New Tariff points
	A*	56
	A	48
	B	40
	C	32
		28
	D	24
A		20
B	E	16
C		12
D		10
		8
E		6



UCAS 'Tariff' Points

For the BTEC Extended Certificate

Grade	Tariff points
D*	56
D	48
M	32
P	16

For the AQA Extended Project (EPQ)

Grade	Tariff points
A*	28
A	24
B	20
C	16
D	12
E	8

PERSONAL STATEMENTS TOP TIPS

Structure and Style

80%
Academic
including
super-curricular

20%
extra-curricular

- Why do they want to study this course?
 - current studies
 - outside reading

- Super-curricular:
 - what have they read, listened to, watched, visited
 - how do these things support and compliment the course they are applying for?

- Extra-curricular:
 - should try and focus on transferable skills

- Encourage them to be reflective:
 - critically engage with any reading materials
 - be honest
 - check spelling and grammar



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Subject references
and predicted grades
from subject teachers.



Full reference written
by Sixth Form Team.
Predicted grades from
teachers entered on
UCAS form.



UCAS PREDICTED GRADES

**Personal Statements reviewed by
their form tutors (by Monday 16th
October).**

**Predicted grades are a synthesis of
assessments across the year and basis of
end of year examinations. Miss
Griffiths/Mr Fitzgerald input predicted
grades into UCAS.**

**References are inputted by their form
tutor**

**Miss Griffiths will review any students
Personal Statement who is applying for
nursing, midwifery, paramedic sciences.**

**Miss Griffiths to input any significant
extenuating Sixth Form**

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

We would encourage students to look for Bursaries and Scholarship opportunities on a website called *Unifrog* as well as on the specific university websites. (All students have access to *Unifrog*). The tab called **'Special opportunities'** in Unifrog can be used to search for bursaries/scholarships. Bursaries/scholarships are awarded for personal circumstances/academic reasons.

UK universities

You have [10 shortlists](#)

Start >

US universities

Make your first shortlist

Start >

European universities

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Oxbridge

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Apprenticeships

You have [2 shortlists](#)

Start >

College / Sixth Form

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Irish universities

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Special opportunities

Make your first shortlist

Start >

Events

You have 0 upcoming events

Go to tool >

PARENTAL INFORMATION ON UNIVERSITIES AND APPRENTICESHIPS

The screenshot shows the Upton Hall School website. The header includes the school logo and navigation links: Virtual Open Event 2020, Vision & Values, Admissions, News & Events, School Life, Sixth Form @ Upton, Uniform @ Upton, and Contact Us. The main banner features a group of students and the text 'Inspiring Young People'. Below the banner, there are three sections: 'SIXTH FORM', 'BEYOND UPTON' DESTINATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS, and 'UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS'. A red circle highlights the 'Beyond Upton' link in the Sixth Form menu. A callout box on the left explains that there is a section for parents in the Sixth Form section of the website, which contains information about university applications and apprenticeships. The 'University Guidance for Parents' section includes a flowchart titled 'How it works: applying to a UK university or college'.

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University Guidance for Parents

All UK University places are allocated through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). The following flowchart provides an overview of the process. At Upton, students will be guided through the online UCAS application from early June of Year 12.

How it works: applying to a UK university or college

- 1 Apply online.
- 2

Find courses in the UCAS search tool. Check entry requirements and application deadlines.

- 15 October – all courses of History, Geography and most courses in medicine, veterinary science, medicine and dentistry.
- 15 January – the majority of courses.
- 24 March – some art and design courses.

The universities or colleges will decide whether to make you an offer. 30 June.

If you are not accepted by all the universities or colleges.

APPRENTICESHIPS INFORMATION

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Which apprenticeships are available?

There are thousands of apprenticeships in different job roles and industries. Each apprenticeship will also have a 'level' attached to it. The four levels of apprenticeship are:

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at A* - C or 9 - 4
Advanced	3	2 A Level passes/Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6 & 7	Foundation degree or above
Degree	6 & 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Most students will look for Higher and Degree-level apprenticeships, although some Law apprenticeships are advertised under Higher Level apprenticeships.

OCTOBER AND FEBRUARY
ARE NORMALLY THE
PERIOD IN WHICH LOCAL
APPRENTICESHIPS ARE
ADVERTISED

← Law apprenticeships often advertised as 'advanced'



NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIPS ARE
RELEASED AT THE START
OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

APPRENTICESHIP STOP TIPS

Make sure that they have signed up to 'alerts' from apprenticeship websites such as [gov.uk/apply-apprenticeships](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeships) or [notgoingtouni.co.uk](https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

Ensure that they have a 'Personal Statement' that can be used as a cover letter.

An up to date and well formatted CV

Look out for emails from Mrs Douglas/ Book in to see Mrs Douglas

Interview assessment centre prep with Mrs Douglas later in the term

Look at specific companies (normally larger national companies) that will not advertise on apprenticeship websites i.e. Unilever, Jaguar Landrover, BUPA, NHS, Clifford Chance etc





WHAT DOES YOUR SON/ DAUGHTER WANT TO GET OUT OF
THE NEXT YEAR?