

Post 18 Careers Focus

Background

Each year at Harington approximately 90% of our students decide to follow a university route with 45% typically achieving places at Russell Group Universities. Locally, Lincoln and Leicester are the two most popular choices. Each year, we are really pleased to see applications submitted to a really wide range of universities and courses.

In recent years we have seen a small but growing number of students successfully apply for degree apprenticeships. These have grown in popularity with international companies particularly competitive.

Key Staff

Mrs Henry Oliver (NHO) – Post 18 Lead (new for 2022)

Mrs Jackson (HJA) – Apprenticeship Lead

Mrs Green (JGR) – Additional UCAS Support

Mrs Tipper (HTI) – EPQ Lead

Mrs Meynell (EME) – Federation Careers Advisor

Applicant total offers count

Zero offers	0 0%
At least one offer	135 100%
At least two offers	130 96%
At least three offers	123 91%
At least four offers	109 81%
Five offers	68 50%

What does your child need to make a strong application?

- Opportunities to meet universities and employers
- Develop skills through volunteering, D of E, Friday activities
- Careers information as part of the Academic Enrichment programme

- Bespoke guidance for competitive courses
- Completion of work experience in chosen area
- Wider reading, EPQ, completion of MOOCs

- Support in writing a strong application
- Strong A level results

**Successful
application
submitted**

Which is the best route?

University

Traditional route of full-time study, with 5 applications being through UCAS

Pros

- Continuing to study a subject/s of interest
- Range of courses and careers options available
- Lifestyle

Cons

- Financial implications
- Not always linked to a vocation

Degree Apprenticeship

Combine working with an employer and part-time study, with applications made directly to an employer

Pros

- Significant work experience and transferrable skills
- Income and no tuition fees
- Future job often secured

Cons

- Longer period of study and lifestyle implications
- Limited to particular career routes



At the heart of connecting
people to higher education



Timeline of our Careers Programme

Terms 1 & 2

Academic Enrichment (Careers pathways and volunteering; Harington Challenge).

Terms 3 & 4

Launch Careers Guidance Programme including Unifrog; continued Academic Enrichment; DocSoc launch; Careers Apprenticeship fair; EPQ applications; UK University and Apprenticeship fair @ King Power Stadium; Post-18 information evening for parents; applications to Masterclasses/ Summer Schools and Virtual work experience begin.



Timeline of our Careers Programme

University

Term 5: Do Virtual work experience; continuation of DocSoc; Oxbridge group and EPQ projects launched.

Term 6: University Life and Student Finance (Leicester university); Post 18 Choices days including workshops, drafting personal statements, setting up UCAS apply account and planning use of Summer holidays (including development of statements).

Y13 Term 1 (15th October 2022) Early applications submitted (Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary medicine/science and dentistry).

Y13 Term 2: All remaining applications submitted for University applications

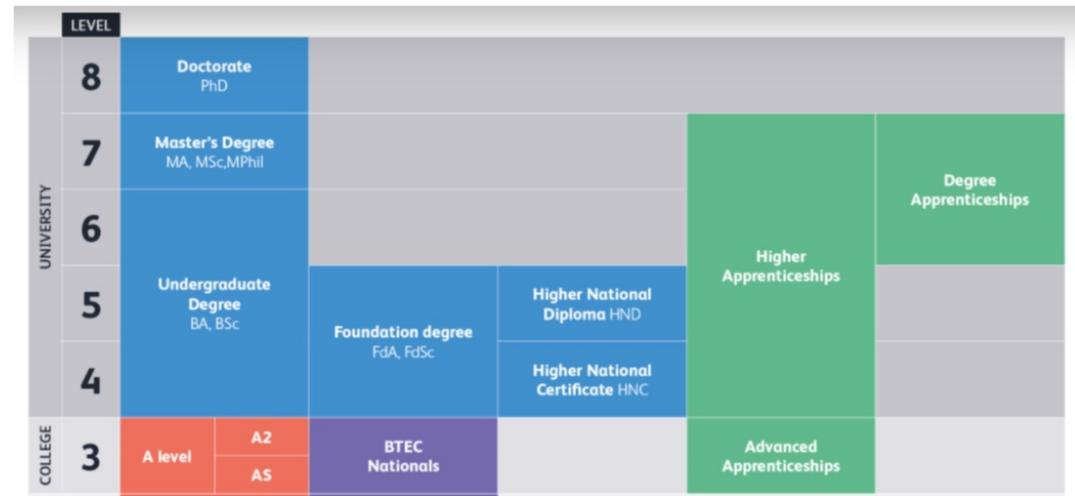
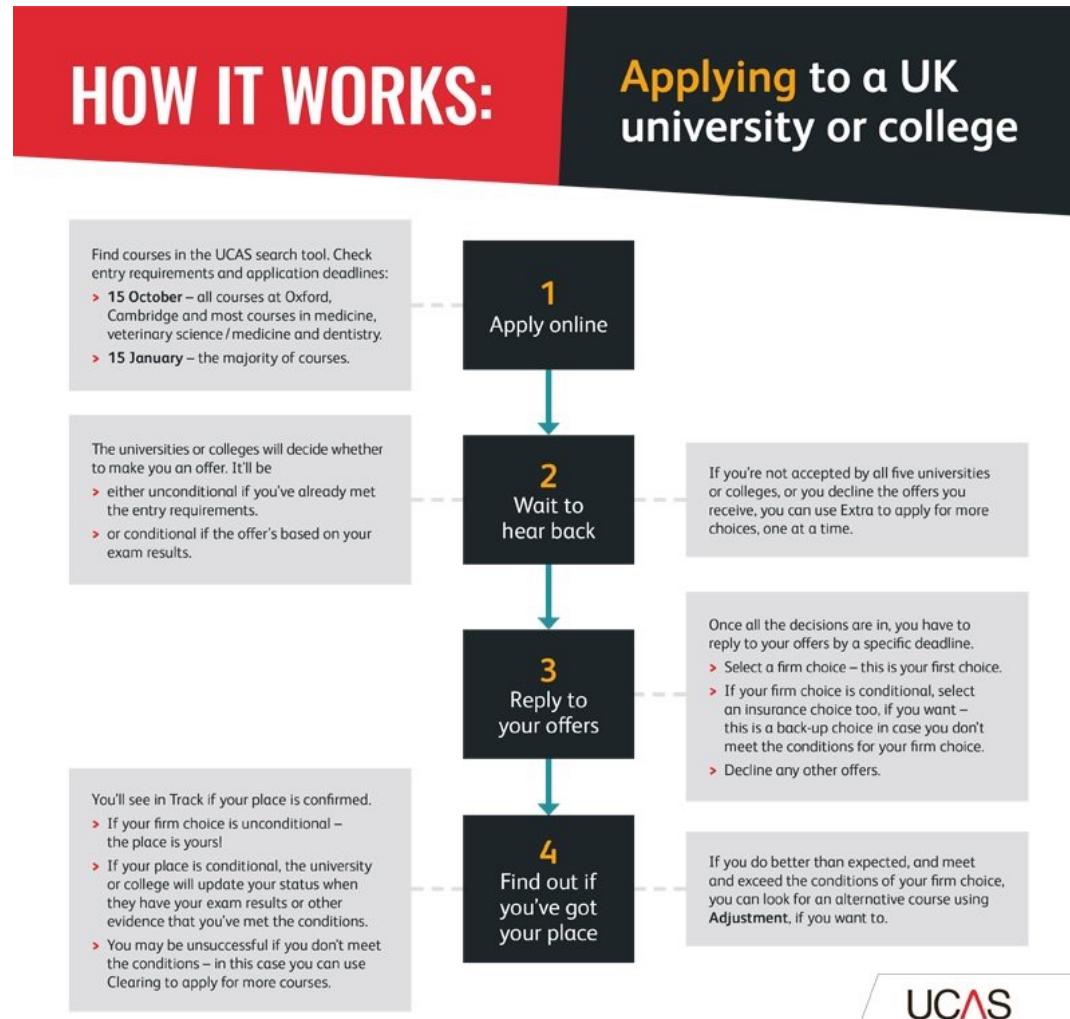
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Y13 Term 3-4: Apprenticeship applications (usually post-Christmas, but opportunities be released at any point in the year).

Using UCAS – University and Apprenticeships



UCAS

Careerfinder home Find a job Careers advice Employ

Found 2 jobs within 20 miles of LE15 6RP, Oakham

Browse Search

Keywords

Location LE15 6RP, Oakham

Within 20 miles

Nationwide Homeworking

Specialism Sector Role Type 1 selected

Start Date Duration

Get new jobs for this search by email

Create alert

Newest first Distance

Future Leaders Degree Apprenticeship 2022

- Saxon Way West, Corby, NN18 9EZ
- £16,500.00 annually
- CLIPPER LOGISTICS PLC

What will the apprentice be doing? We are looking for our 2022 intake to join our degree apprenticeship scheme. We want people to match our enthusiasm...

View details

1 day left | Save

Agriculture or Horticulture Professional Advisor Apprenticeship

- Progreen Head Office, Spalding Road Business Park, Spalding Road, PE10 9LF

Making applications

Which course?

- What do you need to follow the vocation/career path that you are interested in?
- What subjects are of interest to you?
- Do you want to live at home or move elsewhere?
- Do you want to live in a larger city/town or somewhere coastal?
- Are you interested in a University with a campus or one that is spread throughout a city/town?
- Do the courses of interest offer a year in industry or a the possibility of completing a Masters Degree?

Writing a strong personal statement

Students need to show evidence of

- Enthusiasm and motivation (Why this subject? What sparked your interest?)
- Understanding and/or experience of the subject applied for (What interests you? How much do you know about the course?)
- Academic engagement -75-80% (experience beyond the classroom to show what you have learnt and your response to it)
- Relevant knowledge and skills
- Originality and independence of thought

Making applications

- **Term 1** – tutorial sessions used for personal statement drafting/checking, student liaises with subject teacher in their own time
- **End of Term 1** – student submits final version of personal statement to form tutor – checked also by Mrs Henry-Oliver/Mrs Green

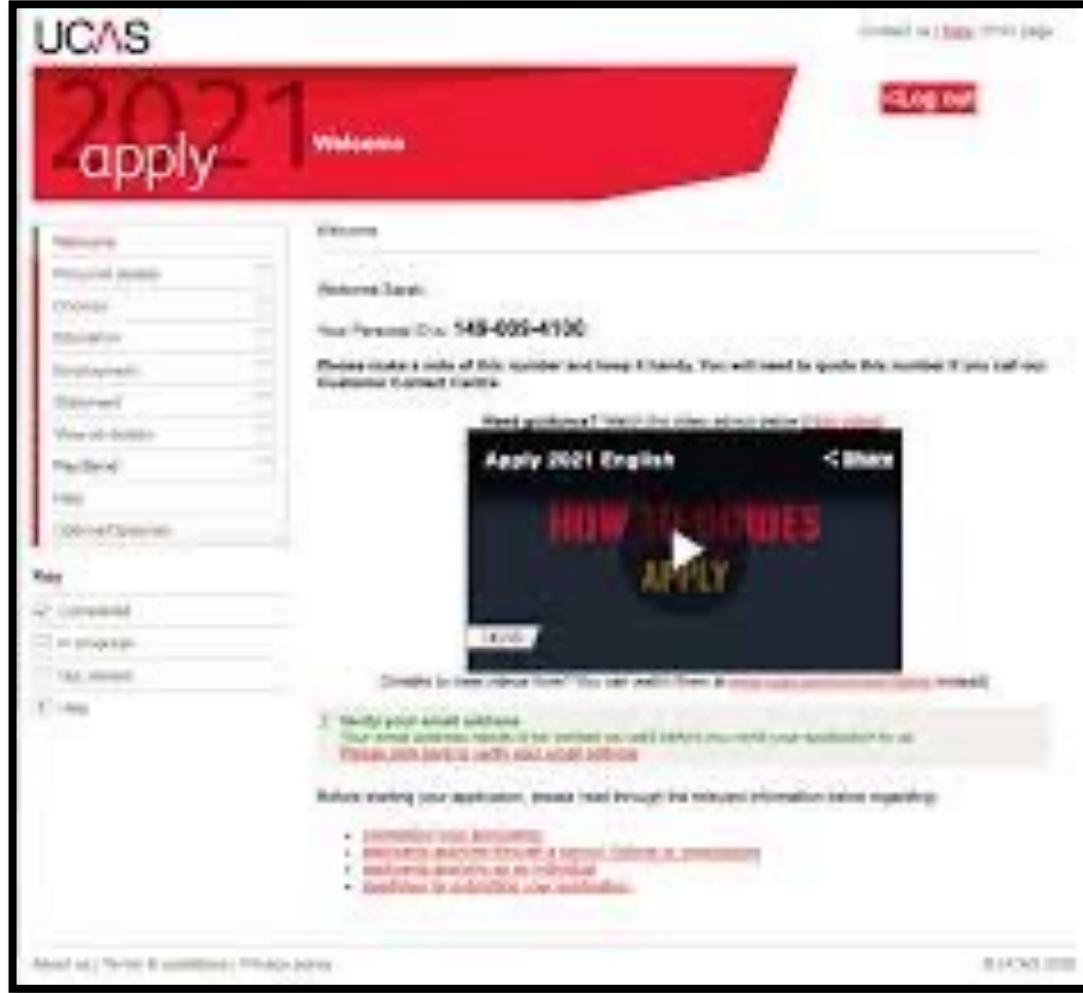
University route

- **Term 2** – applications checked, references added, final checks & sent in batches to UCAS by end of term
- **Term 3 & 4** – students receive offers, student finance application open
- **Term 5** – deadline for accepting offers, exams begin
- **Results Day:** final places confirmed

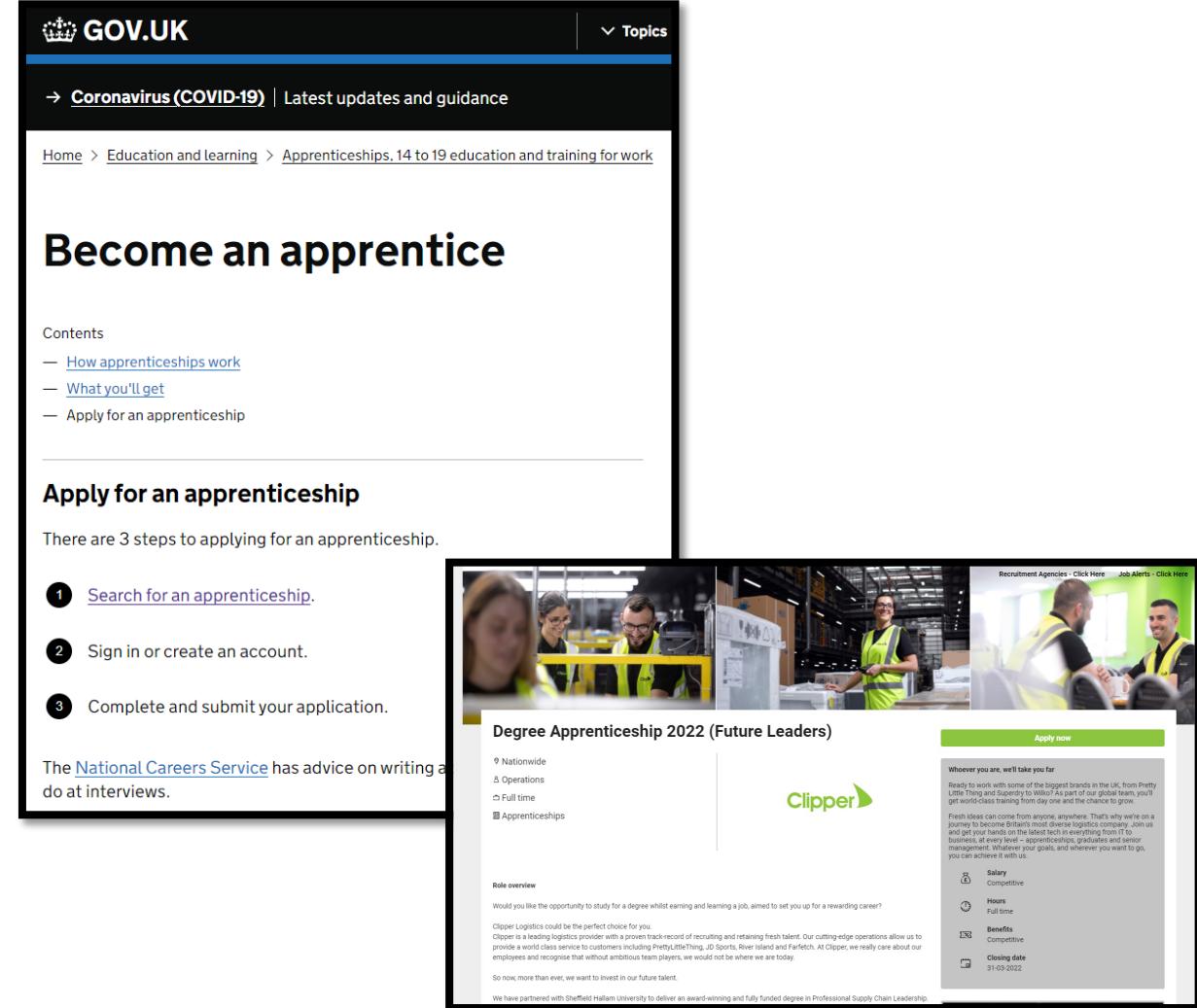
Apprenticeship route

Throughout the year - Applications to be made as posts arise (prevalent from term 3 onwards). Opportunities are shared through 'Apprenticeship Thursdays' emails to students from Mrs Jackson, and meetings with students to aid finding opportunities and the application process.

Making applications



The screenshot shows the UCAS apply 2021 website. At the top, there's a red banner with 'apply' and '2021'. Below it, a video player displays the text 'Apply 2021 English' and 'HOW TO USE APPPLY'. The main content area includes a sidebar with navigation links like 'Home', 'Personal details', 'Education', 'Qualifications', 'Employment', 'Statement', 'User selection', 'Next Step', 'Help', and 'UCAS Options'. A large section titled 'Welcome' contains a phone number (545-005-4190) and a note about needing to quote it. There's also a 'How to apply' video and a 'Before starting your application...' section.



The GOV.UK page features a header with the GOV.UK logo and a 'Topics' dropdown. It has a breadcrumb trail: Home > Education and learning > Apprenticeships, 14 to 19 education and training for work. The main title is 'Become an apprentice'. Below it is a 'Contents' section with links to 'How apprenticeships work', 'What you'll get', and 'Apply for an apprenticeship'. The 'Apply for an apprenticeship' section lists three steps: 1. Search for an apprenticeship, 2. Sign in or create an account, 3. Complete and submit your application. A callout from the National Careers Service provides advice on writing a CV and doing interviews.

The Clipper Logistics page shows a 'Degree Apprenticeship 2022 (Future Leaders)' role. It includes a 'Role overview' section with a photo of workers in a warehouse, a 'Requirements' section with icons for nationwide, operations, full-time, and apprenticeships, and a 'Role overview' section with a detailed description of the job.

Supporting applications

Unifrog

Unifrog is a one-stop-shop where students can easily explore their interests, then find and successfully apply for their next best step after school.

Each student has their own account and have utilised this as part of the careers aspect of the tutorial

programme

① Start ② Filter ③ Longlist ④ Shortlist ⑤ Complete

What do you need to know about Apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships

- Competition** Some apprenticeship vacancies are very competitive. For example National Grid received 16,500 applications for just 150 places on its School Leaver Programme – equivalent to 110 people for each place.
- Prestige** In recent years stricter rules have been put in place regarding what an apprenticeship can consist of. In addition new apprenticeships have been created for previously graduate-only professions, like becoming a solicitor. These changes have helped to increase the prestige of apprenticeships.
- Earn while you learn** Unlike going to university where students normally accrue debt, apprentices are paid from their first day of training. If you do a degree apprenticeship, you will even have your degree paid for while you earn a salary - that's double savings!
- Practice and theory** Apprenticeships typically consist of 80% on-the-job training, and 20% studying. For some opportunities this means 4 days per week at the workplace and 1 day at a college, and for others this means you will work for about 10 months a year, then you'll spend 2 months just studying.
- Types** There are several types of apprenticeship. At any time there tends to be more vacancies at the lower levels of qualification.

① Start ② Subjects ③ Longlist ④ Shortlist ⑤ Complete

What do you need to know about UK universities?

UK Universities

- World class** In the QS world university rankings, UK universities regularly feature in the top 10, with around 25 ranking in the top 200. Generally the UK is considered second only to the US in terms of the number of top universities.
- Earning potential** In the UK jobseekers without a degree earn up to £12,000 a year less than their graduate peers entering the job market, the equivalent of more than £500,000 over an average working life.
- Sweet deal** British students studying at UK universities can get government loans to cover fees and living costs; the loans don't have to be paid back until after they are earning at least £27,295 a year, and even then the loans are paid back only gradually. Students from elsewhere in the world, including the EU, pay more to study at UK universities.
- Applications** Students apply directly for specific degree programmes, eg 'History at Birmingham University'. This is unusual compared to other university systems, where students often only decide what they will major in in their second or third year of study.
- Hierarchy** In the UK some universities are widely perceived as more prestigious than others, and have higher entry requirements. Unifrog gives you all the data you need to assess how prestigious universities are perceived to be - but our advice is to take this into consideration along with other factors, such

ACCESS ALL THE TOOLS BELOW

Exploring pathways

Interests profile
✓ Quiz last taken 4 Jan 22: 5 and C and I

Careers library
✓ Careers favoured

MOOC
Make your first shortlist

Activities
✗ Recorded at least 10

UK universities
You have 1 shortlist

Personality profile
✓ Quiz last taken 4 Jan 22: ENF

Subjects library
✓ Subjects favoured

Competencies
✗ Completed all 12

US universities
Make your first shortlist

Webinars
Hear directly from the experts

Interactions
✗ Missing 17 interaction types

Work environments profile
✗ Quiz not taken

Know-how library
✗ Guides favoured

Read, Watch, Listen
✓ Profiles favoured

Recording what you've done

Searching for opportunities

Irish universities
Make your first shortlist

Special opportunities
Make your first shortlist

Supporting applications – Virtual work experience

This week we have shared with students that we would like them to complete a short programme of virtual work experience to develop a deeper understanding of an industry or subject that you wish to pursue.

The screenshot shows the Springpod website at https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience. The page features a large blue header with the text "Unsure about your career?". Below this is a "Virtual Work Experience" section with a "Find a Programme" button. To the right is a cartoon illustration of a person in a white suit standing next to a large industrial machine. Further down, there's a section titled "Connect with world-leading organisations" featuring logos for Airbus, AstraZeneca, BT, and Deloitte.

The screenshot shows the Springpod homepage. The main banner features the text "Take control of your future". Below the banner, there are sections for "Virtual Work Experience" and "Degree Taster". On the right, there's a "Suggested Experience" section with three cards: "TV & Film Work Experience" (25 October 2021), "Engineering Work Experience" (25 October 2021), and "Colas Work Experience" (25 October 2021). Each card includes a thumbnail image, the experience name, the date, and a brief description.

How can you assist your child as part of our Careers Programme?

- Research and discuss the options available
 - Apprenticeship opportunities through Unifrog, UCAS and Government Apprenticeship page
 - Suitable degrees through Unifrog, UCAS and University websites
- Attend open days and taster events at Universities (virtual and real)
- Attend Virtual Apprenticeship and University fairs
- Support organisation and completion of work experience
- Speak to people: family, friends, older students
- Use the [UCAS 'Parent information tool'](#)
- Discuss more than plan A...
- Support your child with their studies

