

Holmes Chapel Sixth Form College



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UCAS - next steps?

1. **UCAS Offers**
(Offers/ Unsuccessful bids by May 19th)
2. **UCAS Extra**
(No offers =
One more chance)

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices>



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3. Firm & Insurance Offers on UCAS Track (Decisions by 1st June)

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

4. Student Finance Application (Apply before May 15th)

[Student finance: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/student-finance)

[Online Application](https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/student-finance)

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5. Results Day (August 18th)
6. Confirmation with University & UCAS
7. UCAS Clearing
(Extra Opportunities after June 30th)

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>



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1. Student registers/ creates an Account
2. Student fills in form (30 min) - requires ID (Passport number/ National Insurance)
3. Student Finances email Parents
4. Parents need to register/ create their own account
5. Parents complete finance form (60 min) - need prior year income
6. Finances are calculated on the MAIN dependent household of the student (includes all household income, e.g. live-in partners)



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UCAS - student finance

Student Finance is changing for applications in **2023**. (If you are thinking of starting later)

Lower threshold = **£25,000** not £27K+

Longer repayment terms = **40 year** maximum not 30 years

Increase in overall interest - due to rising inflation

But still 9% repayment terms

Deferring your place could cost a little more...



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Apprenticeships

- a) <https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships>

UCAS Apprenticeships Service - everything you need to know about apprenticeships.

- b) <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

The Government's main website about apprenticeships. All apprenticeship positions in England should be advertised on this site.

- c) <https://uk.indeed.com/Apprenticeships-jobs?vik=fe879f27b2ccd762>

Indeed Job Website



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Apprenticeships

- a) Review your application letter
 - Is it focused on the company and position?
 - Does it accentuate your skills, rather than just a list of stuff that you have done?

- b) Practice your interview skills
 - Introductions
 - Clarity & body language
 - Second guess questions & Prepare answers

- c) Keep a weekly focus on the main websites and keep searching.



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Gap Year: Positives

Pros



- The Right Experience can be valuable on your CV
- Enhance university or work applications
- Give a break from study
- Travel and Explore new places
- Opportunity to earn money/ work experience
- Reflect and consider future plans
- Opportunity to mature ready for next steps



Gap Year: Negatives

- Wasting a year planning little and doing nothing
- Distractions from something meaningful
- Sometimes harder to return to study or work after a break
- Can be expensive
- (will the Bank of Mum & Dad support you?)
- A year of “nothing” looks bad on the CV

Cons



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Gap Year: Examples

Katy completed her A-Levels at HCCS in 2021.

Katy wanted to become a doctor but did not receive the right offers for her UCAS application.

Katy took a gap year to re-apply to UCAS for Medicine but also to build up her Medical experiences.

Katy



- Volunteered at a local hospital
- Volunteered at the local NHS vaccination centres
- Re-studied and re-took her Medical aptitude tests UKCAT/ BMAT
- Worked at local businesses to improve her public speaking and confidence talking to different people
- Medic Mentoring - improving her UCAS application, personal statement, interview skills
- **Katy is going to UEA to study Medicine in September 2022!**



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Task: Research Gap Year ideas

Research Task



www.ucas.com/alternatives/gap-year

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/gap-year>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/advice-on-a-gap-year#why>



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Careers Advice

Mrs Jackson

Meeting with all non-UCAS applicants

**Every Monday morning - lunchtime in the 6th Form
Study Area**



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Results Day: HC6F Support Hub



Mr Fu

Director of Sixth Form



Ms Camm

Mrs Greeney 6th Form Student Manager



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**Mrs Thomas
6th Form
Learning
Intervention**



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**Mrs Jackson
Careers
Adviser**



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Exam Information

https://www.hccs1978.co.uk/_files/ugd/0e64df_10af9ba8e6984d7fa5f4446b6954ae6f.pdf

2022 Summer EXAM timetable

1. You must be **ON TIME** for all examinations.
2. **No mobile phones**, watches, digital devices.
3. **No communication** between students in the exam room.
4. Any required communication = through an invigilator.
5. **SCHOOL PHOTO ID card & lanyard**



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1. **Student Finance applications by May 15th**
2. **All UCAS offers in by May 19th**
3. **UCAS deadline for accepting places 1st June**
4. **UCAS Clearing opens on June 30th**
5. **Results Day Aug 18th**
6. **Confirmation of Places or UCAS Clearing**

