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beyond Magna Academy Poole

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Year 12 Work Experience

Thank you for working with us to help find placements for the Year 12 students' work experience week, Monday 3rd- Friday 7th July. We hope the students found it a really valuable experience for learning about the world of work. We are also very keen that our students develop their skills during the placement, recording when they have used their power skills in their work experience journal.



Personal Statements

All Year 12 students will be writing personal statements during the summer term and completing in the autumn term of Year 13. Although the personal statement is most associated with an application to university, writing a personal statement is a very beneficial careers-based exercise for everyone.

All applications for apprenticeships and jobs will require a written application and completing this piece of writing will also help to focus the students' ideas about their interests and skills, which is valuable preparation for any forthcoming interview.

The information that the students record in their work experience journals will be crucial evidence that can be incorporated into their personal statements.

Apprenticeships

All apprenticeships nationally are advertised on a central government database found [here](#). Unlike applying to university, apprenticeships are advertised as they become available so it is important that students regularly look at this website. All Year 12 students have registered on this website and have set up alerts for when local apprenticeships in the employment sector they are interested in become available. An introduction to apprenticeships for parents can be found [here](#).

Futures Conference 2

In addition to the ongoing support and programme delivered to sixth form students across the year, on June 22nd, Year 12 had a morning off timetable to learn about how to put together outstanding applications for their post sixth form courses.

All students heard presentations from representatives from Southampton University and Amazing Apprenticeships, learning how to apply to university or how to make an application for an apprenticeship.

For applications to university, students make an application to UCAS. All students have created an account on the UCAS Hub and are aware of how to search for courses.

Please find here a guide to [UCAS](#) for parents. For students applying for university for September 2024, applications must be submitted to UCAS by January 15th 2024.

However, Magna Academy has the internal deadline for submission of November 30th. This internal deadline ensures that the very best quality applications from students from Magna Academy reach the universities.



Applications

Please be advised, students can apply for both university and an apprenticeship. When applying for university, I strongly recommend that you attend open days with your child to learn more about the courses and to get a better idea of the location and the university itself. Please find a list of open days [here](#).

We would also like to remind you of the very helpful online careers tool called [Career Pilot](#).



Key dates for all:

July 12th	First 1500 characters of the personal statement to Mrs Stafford
September 4th	First full draft of personal statement to tutor
November 30th	Internal deadline for UCAS application

Apprenticeship applications- when positions become available throughout Year 13

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions.

Students in the Sixth Form get expert advice to help them decide on the most suitable next steps for them. There has been a substantial increase in the number moving on to university, particularly those that are the most selective - *Ofsted April 2023*

Sixth Form Open Evening :
Thursday 8th November 2023



Outstanding Ofsted (March 23)

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