

YOUR CAREER PATH IS NOT A STRAIGHT LINE



***Y12 Progression
Evening***



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What are the options post Sixth Form?

- University
- Apprenticeship
- Full time employment
- Gap year



What is the role of a Progression Advisor?

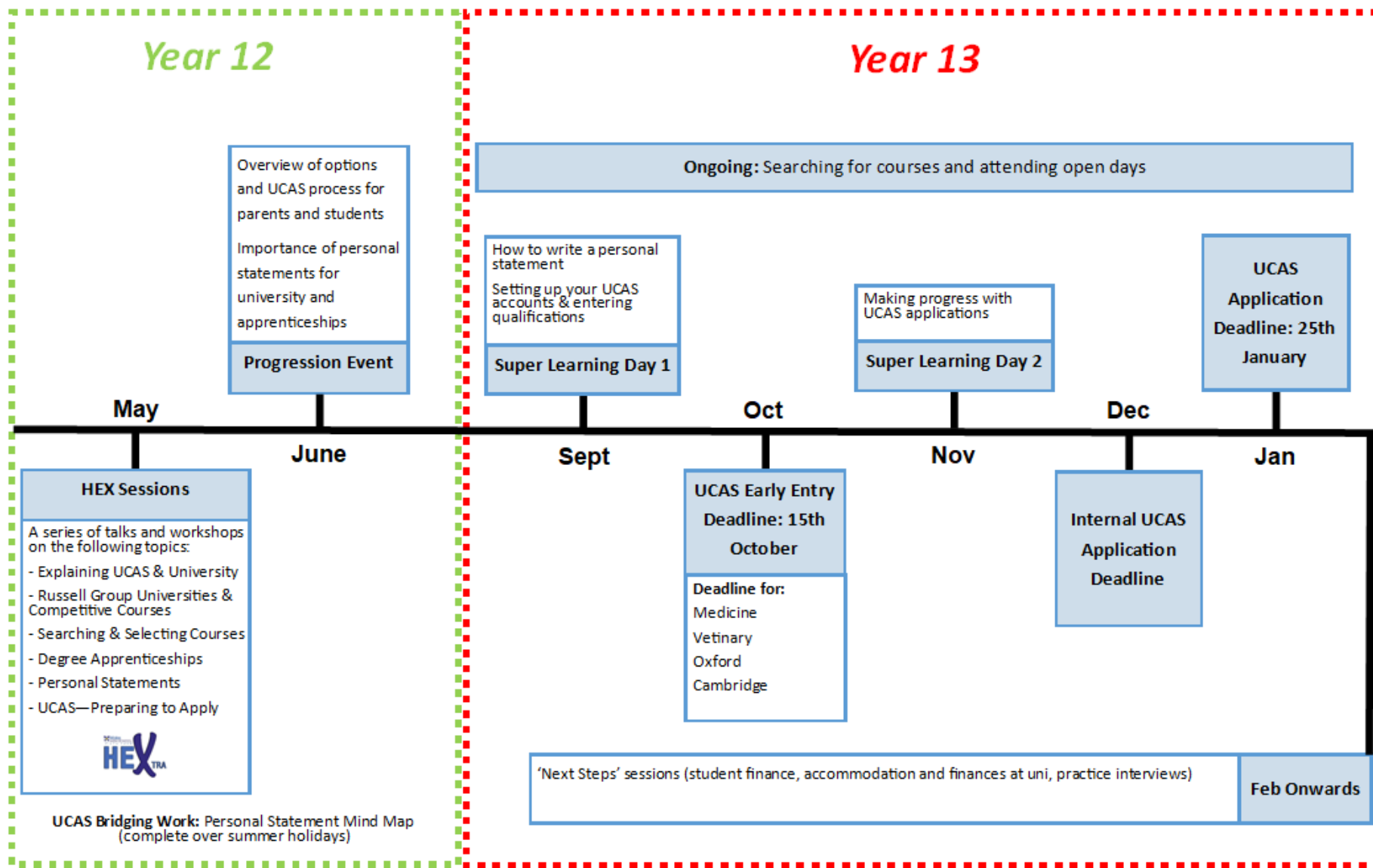
- Each student will be assigned a member of staff to support them with their next steps after Sixth Form.
- The PA will **support** with UCAS applications, personal statements, apprenticeship/ job applications, interview techniques and writing references.
- Students must meet with their PA before the end of year 12 to discuss initial plans and continue having regular meetings in year 13. **It is the students responsibility to arrange this.**



Our previous figures



	2020	2021
University	73	74
Apprenticeships	11	17
Further Education	1	3
Employment	16	13
Gap Year	7	20
Job Seeking	1	4
Other	8	0
Totals	117	114



Degree Options

- **Foundation Degree** (1 year) - stepping stone onto a full degree
- **Traditional Degree** (3 years) - leading to BA/ BSc
- **Integrated Programmes** (4 years) - leading to BA/ BSc but combine an additional element e.g. 1 year in placement, study abroad
- **Integrated Masters** (4 years) - leading to a MA/ MSc
- **Alternative pathways** - E.g. teaching. 3 year degree & PGCE, or full Primary Teaching with QTS, or integrated teaching and subject degree (secondary)
- **Degree Apprenticeships** (3-6 years) - earn while you learn. No fees and salary

Finding the right course/uni

- **Navigating the Whatuni website and UCAS.com**

- Do not rely on this alone - refer to the university website.

- **Understanding TARRIF and points**

- Not all universities accept TARRIF.
- Making sure your child has both aspirational but realistic choices.

- **GCSE & A-Level requirements**

- Many ask for specific A-level requirements e.g. Physics degrees may ask for A level Maths and Physics. GCSEs may have requirements e.g. English, Maths and Science for teaching
- GCSEs-On application or on acceptance?

- **Contextual or widening participation offers**

- Typically lower offers based on a set of specific criteria. E.g. First generation to attend uni, areas of "perceived" deprivation based on postcode, secondary school attended.



Contextual Offers and Access Schemes

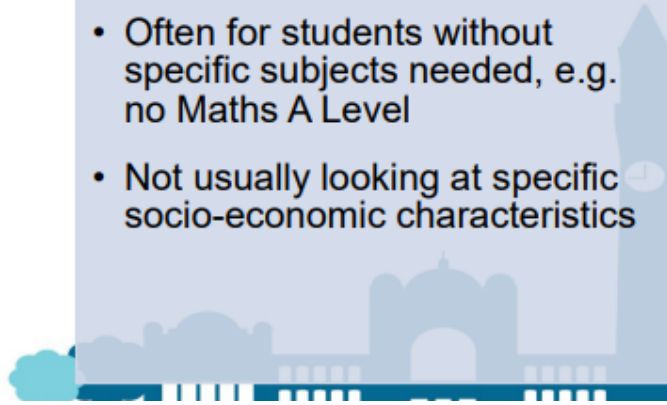
Contextual offer schemes

- Usually automatically applied to eligible applicants
- Typically a 1 grade drop on the standard offer
- Often only looking for 1 or 2 characteristics in order to be eligible
- No additional work or participation required

Access schemes

- Usually need to be applied to separately
- Typically applied to and completed during year 12 or 13
- Often a bigger grade drop (min 2 grades) and financial support available
- Often looking for more socio-economic factors to be met for eligibility
- Usually requires participation/completion of activity during year 12/13

Foundation year programmes

- Usually a 1-year course completed after Year 13 (or equiv) and before starting a full undergraduate degree
 - Applied to during Year 13, often through UCAS
 - Often for students without specific subjects needed, e.g. no Maths A Level
 - Not usually looking at specific socio-economic characteristics
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More Research

- Whatuni
- Comparison sites - discoveruni
- League tables - both for uni and course
- Unitasterdays.com - subject talks, campus tours.
- UKUniSearch - virtual fairs for university and apprenticeships
- Getting to know the subjects, Taster sessions, TED talks, Future learn and access through subject specific societies e.g. Royal Society of Chemistry, Nursing and Midwifery Council.



Work Experience

- Degrees in Medicine, Dentistry, Teaching, Veterinary, Midwifery, Nursing and Paramedic will require relevant work experience.
- Year 10 work experience doesn't count! It needs to be recent/ current.
- There's now a range of virtual work experiences available via Springpod and Speakers4schools.
- It is the students responsibility to arrange any work experience required around their timetable. Sixth Form will support where possible.



Application

- Students will receive support to set up a UCAS account.
- A guidebook will be available to all students and parents.
- Your son or daughter can make up to five choices on one application.
- The 2022 applicant fee is:
 - **£27.00 (5 choices)**
 - **£22.50 (1 choice)**
- Applications received by the key deadlines are given equal consideration.
- Invisibility - universities cannot see where else students have applied.



Making the application

'Apply' is the UCAS online application system.

Each applicant has six sections to complete:

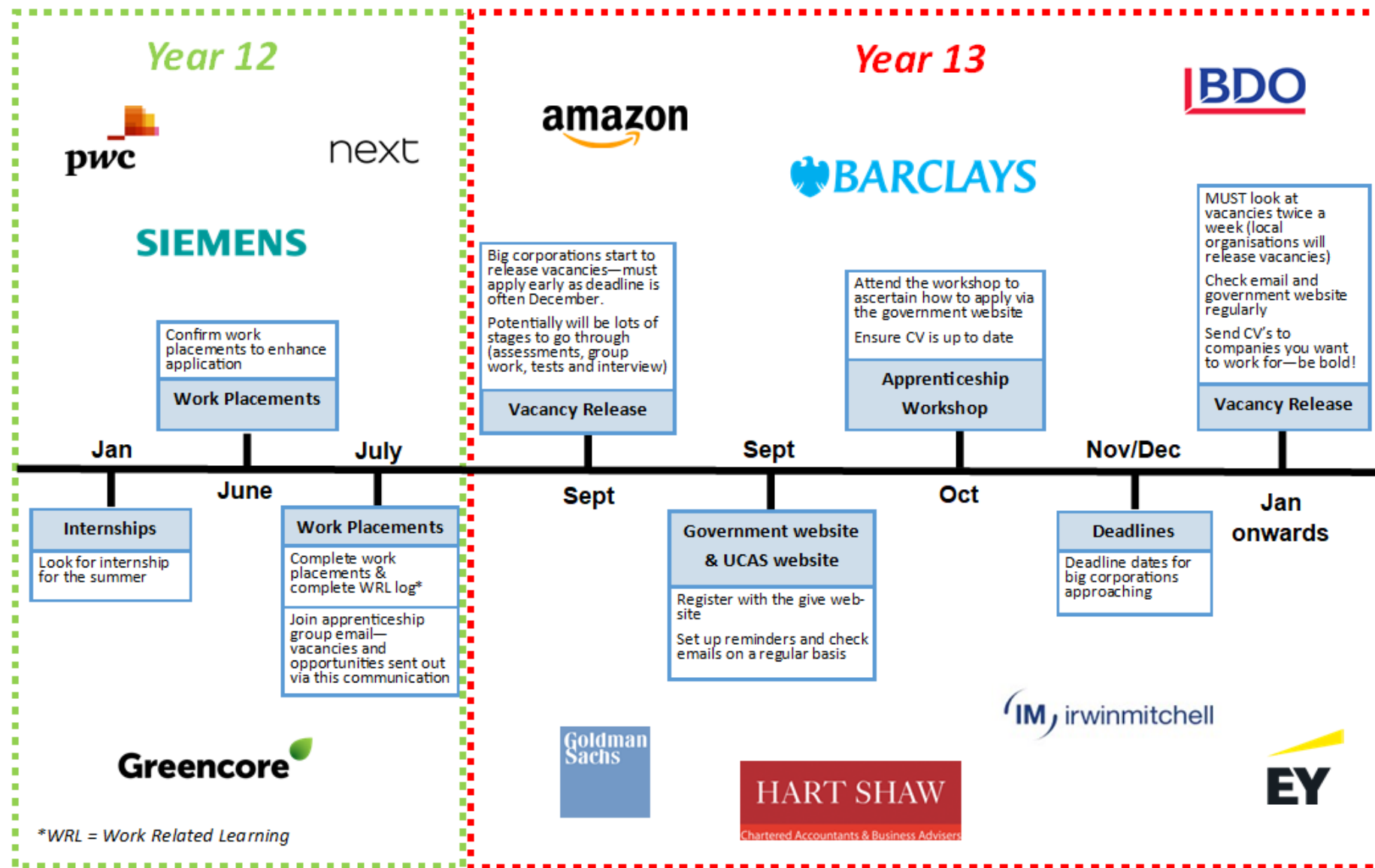
- Personal details
- Student finance (UK and EU only)
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement

Once a student submits their application to us, the application is checked and the reference is added. Once the student has paid, it is sent to UCAS who pass it on to the university.





Apprenticeships | Student Timeline



What is an apprenticeship?

Apprentices are for people aged 16 or over and combine working with studying to gain skills and knowledge in a specific job. **Apprentices** can be new or current employees.

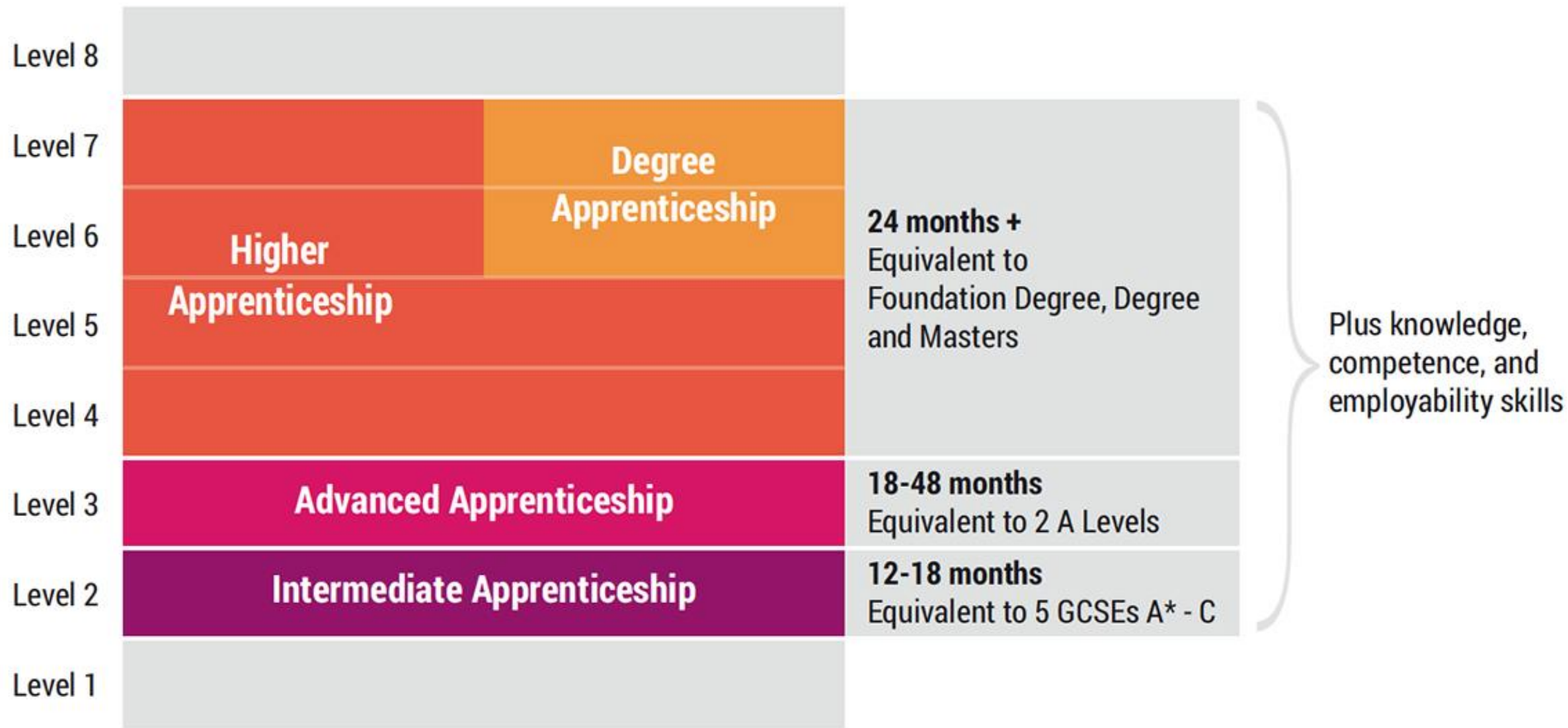


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Where to look?

- UCAS website
- Government website
- Indeed
- Notgoingtouni
- Civil Service and local councils
- Companies may advertise directly
- Sending speculative CVs to companies you may want to work for



Civil Service



UCAS DISCOVER **APPRENTICESHIPS**

UCAS

When to apply?

- Bigger companies might recruit at the same time as UCAS.
- Websites often let you sign up to email alerts for new positions.
- Don't always be put off by start date, they may be willing to wait for you.



How to be prepared



- Make sure you PA has checked your CV.
- Have a covering letter ready in case you're asked for one.
- Research common interview questions and practise what you would say.
- Have a 'personal statement' prepared.
- Apply for as many as you can, don't apply for one and wait. But remember quality over quantity.
- Ensure you attend Mrs Lockyer's support sessions on CV writing, interview techniques and employer talks.
- Always be professional.

When I grow

up I want

to be...

Student Finance

Information will be given later in the school year on Student Finance but if students have any questions please ask a member of the Sixth Form team.

Parent Support

- An extremely valuable part of the application process!

