



The University Journey



Year 11

September – December: Weekly Careers lessons with all Year 11 pupils

Including lessons focussing on:

- Routes and Options after Year 11
- Decision for Sixth Form
- Applying to university in the UK
- Work Experience, What is it? What's the purpose? Plans

September - October: All year 11 pupils complete their Morrisby profile; this is a set of online aptitude tests, looking specifically at Verbal, Numerical and Abstract abilities. This links further to Careers and subjects at post 16 and Higher Education options.

November Onwards: All pupils see Mrs Fry for a one-to-one careers interview, to look at plans for the future. This includes the pupils receiving a written Action Plan that also appears on their Morrisby profile. Where appropriate for the pupil it will include information on universities of interest, where to carry out further research into degree subjects, work experience opportunities and wider reading needed for a university application.



Lower Sixth (Year 12)

September: All new pupils complete the Morrisby assessment; this provides careers of interest and links further into Higher Education (HE) subject suggestions and research.

October: Mrs Fry delivers a session on HE & UCAS Update (including Morrisby re-cap)

October: Queen Marys University deliver a talk on: University-Why Bother? An engaging talk from a highly ranked university, looking at the benefits of going to university.

November: Leeds University deliver a talk on: Applying to Competitive Universities. Looking specifically at how to gain a place – what you can do besides achieve good grades!

November: Mrs Fry delivers a session on Work Experience, an audit to look at what pupils have already completed, but also to highlight the importance of work experience for university applications, and tips on how to go about sourcing a placement. We also have a local company Challengers deliver a talk on opportunities available with them for either volunteering or paid placements.

January – onwards throughout L6: Mrs Fry will see each pupil one-to-one to check their plans and specifically offer guidance in terms of Higher Education options; each pupil will receive notes of these discussions.

March: Mrs Fry delivers a preparation session and accompanies pupils to the UCAS Convention at the University of Surrey. This is a research event where hundreds of universities are available to talk to and pupils can collect relevant literature.

March: Mr Norman selects certain pupils to attend the Oxbridge Conference with Mrs Fry. This is an opportunity to gain information on the courses offered at Oxbridge and how to make a competitive application.

June: UCAS Day, Mr Norman and Mrs Fry host a whole day preparing pupils for HE and beyond. This includes sessions on Gap Year opportunities, what to include in the personal statement, admissions tests and finishing with every pupils getting registered on the UCAS site and started on their UCAS application.

July-Onwards: At home, pupils should be deciding university/course choices and drafting their personal statements.



Upper Sixth (Year 13)

September: Mrs Fry delivers a UCAS Update session

September – October: Pupils reminded of any necessary University Admissions Tests and advised to book.

September onwards throughout U6: Pupils see Mrs Fry and Mr Norman on a regular basis, getting support with choices, the UCAS Form and on-going Personal Statement review.

15 October: Early UCAS Deadline for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.

October: Queen Marys deliver a talk on Interview Skills.

October: Gail Alani from Southampton University delivers a personal statement workshop – Gail will see pupils on a one-to-one basis to go through their personal statements.

November: Leeds University will deliver a talk on Preparing for Higher Education (moving on from Upper Sixth)

November: Students should have completed their UCAS applications and had them checked by Mrs Fry or Mr Norman before sending.

December – February: Academic Interview Practice form a variety of sources, including specific support for competitive applications and mock interviews.

15 January: UCAS Deadline

January: Mrs Fry delivers a session on Next Steps for Higher Education

February: Pupils notified that Student Loans are now available to apply for (UK/EU pupils)

May: Mrs Fry delivers a talk on what happens during A Level Results Day

August: A Level Results Day: Mr Norman and Mrs Fry are available in school to support students in person and over the telephone.