

KS5: Parental Information

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Expectations

- Uniform – this is seen as “smart dress”, including shoes / all black trainers.
- Uniform policy: [Dress+Code+2020.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)
- Equipment – It is an expectation that students need to be equipped for all lessons
- Attendance – we expect your attendance to be 98% and above.
- [6th Parent Info — The Radcliffe School](#)



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Sixth Form Dress Code

Female

Skirt, tailored trousers or dress. Skirts and dresses should be at least knee length – jeans are permitted but must be solid black and smart. No leggings or faded/ripped denim.

Blouse, shirt or tailored top – T shirts and tops that expose the abdomen are unacceptable, as are strapless, pencil straps, backless or baggy tops with logos.

Shoes or boots - smart shoe/boot or fully black trainers. No high heels, converse style canvas shoes or flip-flops.

Jumper, cardigan & sweatshirts – all acceptable.

Hoodies are not allowed in school.

No denim jackets.

No headwear except items worn for religious purposes.

ID lanyards must be worn at all times.

Male

Tailored shirt/polo shirt with collar – t-shirts are unacceptable.

Trousers should be tailored. Jeans are permitted but must be solid black and smart – no faded or ripped denim (of any colour) or sportswear.

Shoes - smart shoe/boot, or fully black trainers. No converse style canvas shoes or flip flops.

Jumper, cardigan & sweatshirts – all acceptable.

Hoodies are not allowed in school.

Smart jackets may be worn – no denim.

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Extreme hair colours and styles are not permitted.



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Yr13 Exams

- **Yr13 Mock Exams:**

- Tuesday 9th January – Friday 26th February (provisional dates). A timetable will be created and sent out during the Autumn 2 half term.

- **BTEC exams;** if the student is taking a BTEC subject there will be formal exams in most subjects from the beginning of January.

- They will potentially also have BTEC exams in **May**. Both “windows” are real exams that contribute to their final grade.

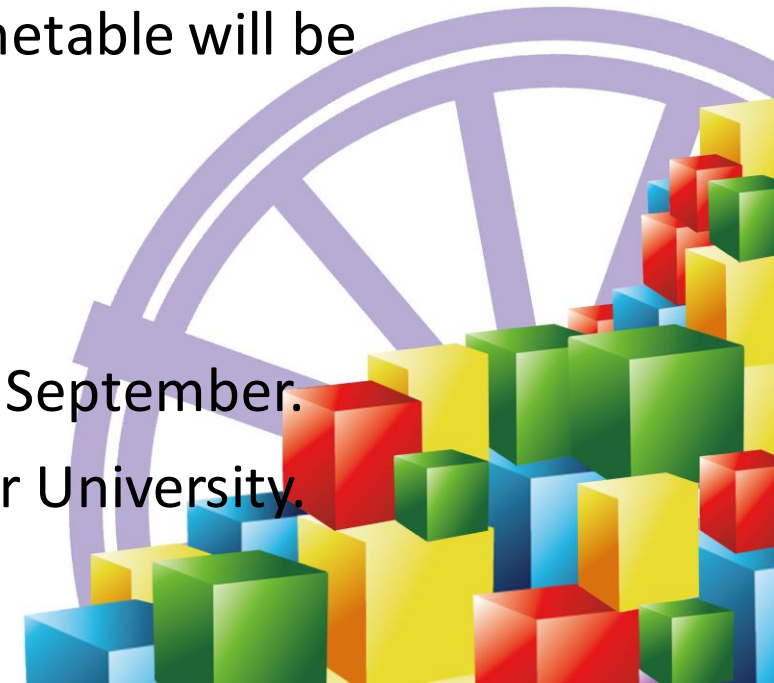
- **A Level exams** will commence on 7th May and run until 28th June



Yr12 Exams

- **BTEC exams**; if the student is taking a BTEC subject there will be formal exams in most subjects from the beginning of **January**.
- They will potentially also have BTEC exams in **May**. Both of these are real exams that contribute to their final grade.

- **Yr12 Pre-Public Exams:**
- Monday 17th January – Friday 28th June (provisional dates). A timetable will be created and sent out during the Summer 1 half term.
- Students will have exams for all the A Level subjects they study.
- These results will determine if they carry on with that subject.
- Poor performance in the Exams will result in a re-sit Exam in the September.
- The exam results, along with your classwork, inform the grads for University.



Yr12 Work Experience

- Yr12 Work experience is 1st July 2024 until 12th July 2024.
- Students will receive support find a placement. Ideally this will be related to their career aspirations.
- Students will have an assembly in November about this process.
- They can be searching for work experience opportunities now.
- We have a company that carries out all the necessary safeguarding and Health and Safety checks.
- If you have any questions, please contact us.



CEIAG

Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance



What do you need to know? The statutory bit.

- RPA - legislation 2013
- Your child must remain in some form of 'education or training' until their 18th birthday, they cannot just get a job
- This can be sixth forms, colleges, apprenticeships and traineeships
- It also includes employment (20 hours plus a week) but must have the equivalent of one day a week (280 guided learning hours) education/training
- All destinations are reported to the local council
- Students not participating become NEET



Year 12 - What we do in school?

- One to one advice meetings
- SACU – skills and abilities
- Employer encounters and networking – face to face meeting employers and employees
- Work experience in July 2023
- ‘Way to work’ - pathways to careers
- ‘CV or not CV’
- Parent presentation
- The UCAS process – Spring
- UCAS fair - Summer
- Early entry – preparation
- Copied in on year 13 opportunities
- Nuffield/ summer schools/ Taster events



What should the Yr12 student be doing?

- Studying!
- Research – Is there any work experience needed?
- Mock exams summer – influence the predicted grades
- Visiting Universities - earlier than expected
- The comfort zone – taking opportunities e.g. Nuffield; volunteering, this will help their application to stand out!
- Some students find the transition into sixth form difficult, they need to talk to their form teachers or the Sixth Form staff about the concerns/issues they have. We can help!



How can you help?

- The dreaded question!
- Please do not expect them to have a definitive career plan and if they do, you can expect it to change! You may feel the rollercoaster effect!
- Predicted grades – where are they at? Mocks are a crucial indicator
- Talk to them about their expectations and how you felt at their age. Reassurance and resilience is key.
- If your child is having a wobble, please ask them to speak to us.
- If you are at all worried, please contact us.



What should the Yr13 student be doing?

- Studying!
- Have they seen the universities they are applying to?
- Do they know the modules for each university course and other course information. Find out all the information they can about the universities they are interested in.
- Apprenticeships – make an account and set up alerts
- Dual process – they can do both, apply for university and look for apprenticeships, they can then decide at a later date.
- Gap year/ deferred entry – what is the purpose?
- Uni or bust? HNC/HND and other qualifications locally

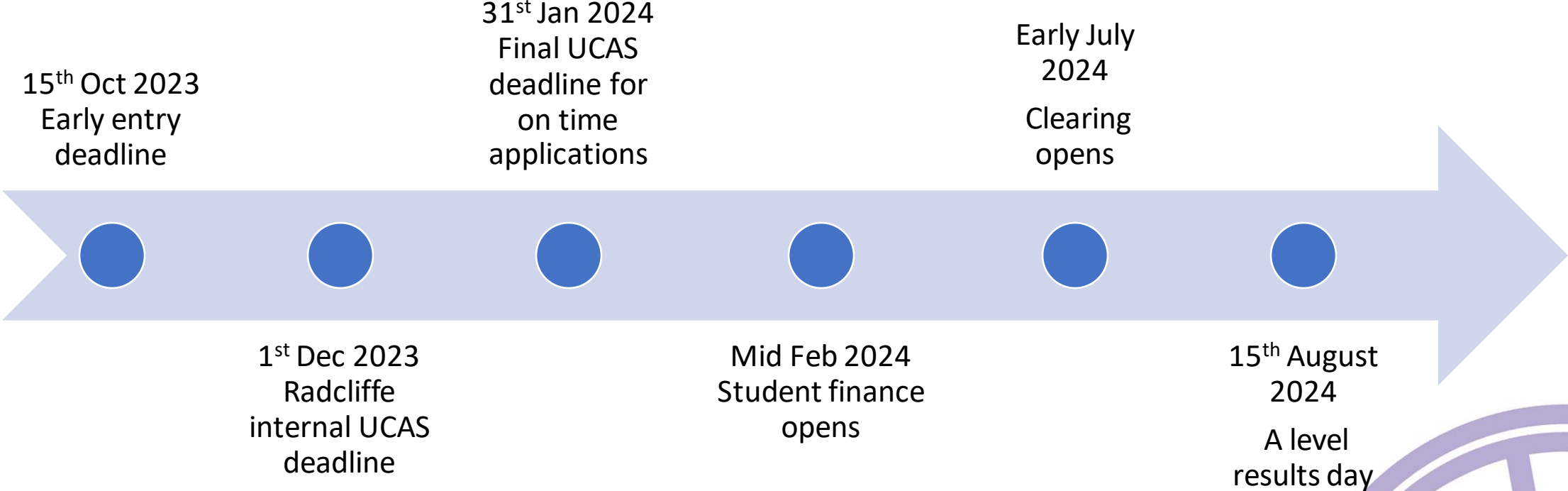


Year 13 - What we do in school?

- One to one advice
- Personal statement support
- The UCAS process – sent through school
- Apprenticeship opportunities – Apprenticeship fair March 2024
- Mock interviews where necessary
- Employer encounters – face to face networking
- e-mail opportunities to students



Timeline - UCAS



Apprenticeships

- Can be available any time from **now** but maybe as late as July/August
- Imperative to be checking on the website / setting up alerts, so that they do not miss an opportunity.
- Most should be on the NAS website
- Also check individual company websites
- Research is imperative. Find out all they can about the company and the expectations.
- Even if going for University still check e.g. Engineering Warwick



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- School Facebook
- National careers service – webchat and freephone telephone service
- <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>
- Website – being developed
- National Apprenticeship service
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- Not going to uni <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
- UCAS <https://www.ucas.com/>
- Parent's guide 2019
<https://www.ucas.com/file/185091/download?token=4Pf51fWt>

