

Find out what you should be doing this year. Scroll down to see the timeline for your year group: Year 11, Year 12, Year 13

Year 11 Progression Timeline

To make a smooth transition after Year 11, here's what you should be thinking about and taking action on throughout the year.

September to December

- Think through any career ideas and consider which progression options would be best for you; <https://icould.com/explore> is a really good website, as is <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles>
- Talk through any ideas with family, teachers, learning mentors and your careers adviser; book an interview by emailing s.raja@stbons.org
- Research information about what is on offer at schools and colleges from websites and by clicking on the Open Events Tab on the Post 16 Options Page on the website;
- Check out St Bon's Sixth Form on the school website.
- Before making applications, visit as many open events as possible to investigate travel options, view facilities and to talk with teachers.
- Some institutions have early closing dates so be sure to check application deadlines and make sure they are met.
- If interested in Apprenticeships, find out more by registering with getingofar.gov.uk or speak to the Careers Adviser.
- Revise for your mock exams – the grades from these exams will be your predicted grades and colleges and sixth forms will base their offers on these.

January to April

- Try to get any applications in by the end of January, or as soon as you have your predicted grades.
- Always have a back up plan, especially if you think you may not get the grades needed for your chosen colleges or sixth form.
- For Apprenticeships, talk to the careers adviser and check apprenticeship websites for vacancies
- Check your plans are still on track after mock exam results - talk to the careers adviser if you are unclear, or your grades are not what you expected.
- Make sure you have a good revision plan

May to August

- Results of applications to schools and colleges should be known by now – if you do not have an offer, seek advice on your options.
- If your first choice is an Apprenticeship, apply for a college / sixth form place as a back-up
- Attend GCSE Results Day to pick up your results – you WILL NOT be able to enrol without them.
- If your GCSE results in August are different from expectations, see your careers adviser for advice and support on enrolment day, or email her at s.raja@stbons.org
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Mrs Raja is available to help you with your career plans, discuss courses and support you with interviews and applications - please email s.raja@stbons.org to book an appointment.

Year 12 Timeline

To make an excellent start to your level 3 courses and prepare for your next steps after Year 13, these are some of the things you should be thinking about.

September – October

- Make sure you understand the structure and demands of your school/college courses.
- Start exploring [university events and schemes](#)
- Think about activities you can do to develop your skills and experience.
- Research
- Look out for emails from the sixth form team and myself.
- Get onto Unifrog

November – December

- Research the main post-18 pathways: [university](#), [apprenticeships](#) and [employment](#).
- Start applying for university open days, events and schemes, many of which are listed here.
- Keep a record of any experiences you have and subject specific skills you gain.
- Refer to the UCAS skills bank for examples of academic skills most relevant to your chosen subject. You can then use these in your UCAS application.

January – February

- Make sure you understand the UCAS process and timeline.
- Ensure you are familiar with the structure of the UCAS form

March – April

- Ensure you have a clear understanding of what university study involves and how it differs from school and college.
- Look into wider areas of university life as well, such as accommodation and extra-curricular opportunities.
- Make sure you know how student finance works.

May – June

- Research the range of courses available in your chosen subject area, including joint or combined honours degrees if applicable.
- Make your preliminary HE course choices.
- Ensure you are aware of any additional requirements for your chosen courses such as interviews and admissions tests.
- If you are planning on doing a degree apprenticeship, work on your employability skills and get some work experience, even if it is virtual.

July – August

- Review your HE course choices and their entry requirements.
- Start preparing for admissions tests if applicable to the courses you are applying for.
- Complete your initial personal statement draft over the summer holiday. You can find our key tips for writing an outstanding personal statement [here](#)

Book an appointment to see your Careers Adviser by emailing s.raja@stbons.org or attend the drop-in in The Pantheon on Thursday lunch-times.

Year 13 Timeline

To get the best possible grades and progress to the university / degree apprenticeship / job of your dreams, these are some of the things you should be thinking about.

September – October 2020

- Complete final draft of personal statement (for applicants for 15th October deadline) - see our editing tips here.
- Complete initial personal statement draft (for applicants for January deadline) - see our 5 key tips here.
- 15th October 2020: UCAS deadline for applicants to Oxford, Cambridge and most medicine, veterinary and dentistry courses.
- Prepare for interviews if applicable.

November – December 2020

- Complete final draft of personal statement (for applications for January deadline) - see our editing tips here.

January – February 2021

- 29th January: UCAS deadline for the majority of undergraduate courses. Ensure you understand how to set your firm and insurance choices.
- 25th February: UCAS Extra opens. Ensure you know what it is and how to use it.

March – April 2021

- Research UCAS Clearing and Adjustment, making sure you understand why you might need it and how it works.
- Consider your possible results day outcomes and plan ahead for 'ideal', 'good' and 'below expectations' outcomes.

May – June 2021

- Early May: the deadline by which universities normally respond to all applications.
- 30th June: Applicants received after this time are entered into Clearing rather than sent onto universities directly

July – August 2021

- 6th July: UCAS Clearing opens. W/c 9th August: BTEC results announced.
- 10th August: A-level results day. This is slightly earlier than normal to allow for an extended adjustment period.
- Mid-August (exact date TBC): UCAS Adjustment opens.

September – October 2021

- 1st September: UCAS Adjustment closes.
- 19th October: last date for adding Clearing choices.
- 20th October: last date for universities to accept Clearing applicants

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