Sixth Form Higher Education and Careers

2026 - 2027

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James Allen's Girls' School

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The Sixth Form Higher Education and Careers Programme provides comprehensive support to help you consider your future destination, whatever that may be. It includes:

Weekly notices discussed in form time on Wednesdays and sent out by email. The notices include opportunities for extra-curricular and super-curricular enrichment. We publicise short courses, masterclasses, open days, conventions and lectures offered by a variety professional organisations and university departments. In addition, we highlight employer insight events, work experience opportunities, webinars and links to websites and other resources to help you explore your options. Students sign up for these opportunities independently.

Sixth Form Lecture Programme for Year 12 and Year 13. This includes visiting speakers, often alumnae, who speak about their university course and career. We invite speakers in to talk about university and alternatives to university such as Higher Apprenticeships and School Leaver Programmes, Gap Year options, Volunteering and Careers. We may also invite speakers to address the whole Sixth Form as part of Section Assembly.

Work placements and career-related experiences. You will also be encouraged to engage in work placements and career-related experiences in-person or online via employer events or by networking with family, friends and the wider JAGS community. We offer sessions on CV writing and practice interviews to ensure that you are in the best possible position to secure a placement. We will help you to plan and make the most of work shadowing, volunteering, temporary jobs and any other experiences and we will help you to set challenging and realistic goals for yourself. It is important to reflect on these experiences effectively to help you decide on the best course at each stage of your school life and beyond and we are here to discuss this with you.

Clubs and Societies. Universities and Employers are looking for qualities such as initiative, independent learning and wider experience of the practical application of the subject. This is particularly, but not exclusively true for vocationally oriented subjects such as Architecture, Drama, Law, Medicine and Psychology. Above all, universities are looking for evidence of your enthusiasm for your chosen subject and your willingness to pursue it for yourself. Life in the Sixth Form offers many opportunities, through lectures, societies, outings, workshops and wider reading, to help you prepare for higher education, and for a lifetime of learning.

Careers Fairs and Events. During the year, in addition to the key events listed on the next page, you will have the opportunity to attend careers fairs, networking events and lectures. This might be as part of a school group e.g. *Women of the Future* or *GAIN,* an SSLP event e.g. the *Apprenticeship Fair* , virtual careers or Higher Education fairs e.g. *Unifrog UK Universities Fair,* or you may sign up to attend an event independently in person or virtually e.g. an opportunity included in the Sixth Form Notices.

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Key Events and Support for Students in Year 12 and Year 13:

- Information Evening for Year 12 (and Year 11) students interested in applying for Oxford or Cambridge and their parents (Autumn Term)
- Morrisby Online (resource to help students research Higher Education and other options at 18+)
- Unifrog Online (resource to help students research Higher Education and other options at 18)
- SSLP Events (Throughout the year)
- University Admissions Information Evening for Parents of Year 12 (Spring Term)
- Year 12 Careers and Universities Day (Spring Term). The day includes:
  Subject specific seminars and workshops, CV clinics, careers advice and Higher Education advice. Optional seminar sessions e.g. Oxbridge application, applying for medicine, overseas universities, art foundation, drama/dance, corporate applications etc. All students attend the university panel Q&A and talks about alternatives to university including school leaver and apprenticeship routes and gap year advice.
- Programme of support for students applying for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry (Summer and Autumn Terms)
- Programme of support for students preparing to apply to Oxford or Cambridge with external provider Oxbridge Applications (Summer and Autumn Terms)
- One-to-one advice for those applying for Apprenticeship, School Leaver and Employer Gap Year Schemes.
- Opportunity to take part in JAGS Talks to practice research and presentation skills.
- Year 12 UCAS Next Step and Summer Action Plan Workshop (Summer Term)
- Personal Statement Workshop with The Life Skills Company (Summer Term)
- Ongoing support from Tutors, Heads of Department, Oxbridge Advisers, Higher Education Adviser and Head of Sixth Form to ensure timely completion of UCAS application.
- Department specific enrichment programmes providing extension material. This can include trips, seminars, meetings with admissions tutors and activities with other Foundation Schools.
- Admissions test preparation including mock tests in Year 13
- Practice Interview Programme for Year 13 students and Post A level applicants including mock MMIs for those applying for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Dentistry (Autumn Term)
- Preparation for Art Foundation including portfolio review (Autumn Term)
- Guidance for students applying to Conservatoires for Music or Drama
- Subject specific advice e.g. for students applying for Law, Architecture and Psychology
- Support for students applying to study abroad
- Year 13 lectures include information about preparing for university and the transition to independent living e.g. Student Finance
- Year 13 talk in the Summer Term explaining how to prepare for A level results, UCAS confirmation, clearing and adjustment and an outline of the support that will be available in school on results day and afterwards.
- UCAS application support for students who decide to apply to university after their A-levels.

One-to-one advice

Careers Surgery

Lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 1.25 pm – 1.50 pm (Email Ms Brookes to make an appointment)

Higher Education

Drop in or by appointment at lunchtime or after school (See Mrs Allan, Sixth Form Office)

Resources

The library stocks a range of publications such as the 'Getting Into' guides, books with information about Oxbridge entrance and admissions tests and a range of publications about different careers. There are also printed resources available in the Sixth Form and the Careers Hub. However, we recommend that students check the university websites and the UCAS website for the most up-to-date information. There is a wealth of information online for those exploring apprenticeship, gap year and overseas university including the following websites might be helpful when you are thinking about what to do next:

Apprenticeships	www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/	Find out what you need to do to become an apprentice, what careers are available and which employers are offering them
Discover Uni	https://discoveruni.gov.uk/	Discover Uni has official data to help you decide if university is right for you, choose what and where to study and compare courses.
Fulbright Commission	https://www.fulbright.org.uk/	The US-UK Fulbright Commission provides information you need to consider and apply to American Universities
Morrisby Online	www.morrisby.com	Provides personalised careers and higher education advice, helping you to understand the different pathways available to you and make an informed choice about your next step.
National Careers Service	www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/	The National Careers Service provides impartial information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions about learning, training and work.
Not Going to Uni	https://notgoingtouni.co.uk/	One stop site for apprenticeships, gap year and jobs.
Prospects	www.prospects.co.uk	Comprehensive careers resource to help you think about what you can do with your degree and what qualifications are required to pursue different careers. Includes advice about CVs, cover letters, work experience, internships and applying for jobs or university.
Push	http://www.push.co.uk	Website with information and resources to help you make informed decisions about your future
Student Finance England	http://www.sfengland.slc.co.uk	Includes links to Gov.UK, The Student Room, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter for information about student finance.
Student Ladder	www.studentladder.co.uk	Work placements, gap year, internships, school leaver programmes, graduate schemes. Advice about interviews, online tests and assessment centres.
TARGETJobs	https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/advice-for-school-leavers	TARGETJobs provides information to help school leavers make decisions about their future. You can explore career options, university and apprenticeship and find advice about how to make a successful application.
The Complete University Guide	www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk	University profiles, league tables and advice about how to make your application stand out
The Times Higher Education	www.timeshighereducation.com	A leading provider of higher education data for the world's research led institutions
UCAS	www.ucas.com	Sign up to the UCAS Hub. Search for university courses, find out about entry requirements, student finance, alternatives to university and lots of other information, events and activities to help you think about your options at 18+.
Unifrog	https://www.unifrog.org/	The complete destinations platform. Contact Mrs Allan or Ms Brookes for sign up details
Springpod	https://www.springpod.com	Virtual Work Experience programmes and University Taster Courses. Try a course or a career before your apply!
Young Professionals	https://young-professionals.uk/events/	The Young Professionals host career insight events, both in-person and virtual, work experience opportunities and information about apprenticeships and school leaver programmes.

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