



Princethorpe  
College

# Post-18 choices Guide for parents

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# What are the choices?

- University
- Degree or higher apprenticeship, school leaver scheme
- Employment
- Gap year/s

# University...how to apply

- **Unifrog** – where the preparation is done
- **UCAS**
  - All applications
  - 5 choices – no order of preference
  - Online
  - Cost - £23
  - School sends it to UCAS
  - Can track application once it has been sent

# Apprenticeships – how to apply

- No one stop shop
- Unifrog
- Gov.uk
- Individual employer websites
- Timings
  - some big employers recruit from September onwards
  - Recruitment can continue throughout the year – employer led
  - Twin track – university application as well.

# What should students be doing...

- **March onwards**
  - Use Unifrog to research courses, careers and subjects
  - Complete competencies on Unifrog (if not already done)
  - MOOCs
  - Work experience (essential for any courses with a vocational slant e.g. medicine, dentistry, veterinary, other healthcare courses, teaching, physiotherapy, social work etc)
- **April/May**
  - Compile shortlists on Unifrog of possible university courses
- **April-July**
  - Attend university Open Days
  - Start writing personal statement and preparing CV (1<sup>st</sup> draft of personal statement by the end of term)

- **September**
  - Personal statements finished
  - References and predicted grades will be completed by the school
  - UCAS goes live early September for applications
- **Deadlines**
  - 15<sup>th</sup> October – all Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary courses and Oxford & Cambridge
  - October half term – Princethorpe deadline for applications (this is recommended)
  - 15<sup>th</sup> January – final UCAS deadline

# What can you do to help...

- Encourage them to do the research and start early
- Take them to Open Days or arrange to get them there!
- Encourage them to do work experience or volunteering if appropriate or MOOCs and extra reading if they are pursuing an academic course
- If they are interested in apprenticeships and school leaver schemes – help them with the research
- Plan to be at home on A Level Results Day 2019
- <https://www.ucas.com/parents>
- Keep up to date with the Careers section of the Flagpole

# References and Predicted grades...

Figure 1 Proportion of applicants who met or exceeded their predicted attainment by best three predicted grade profile

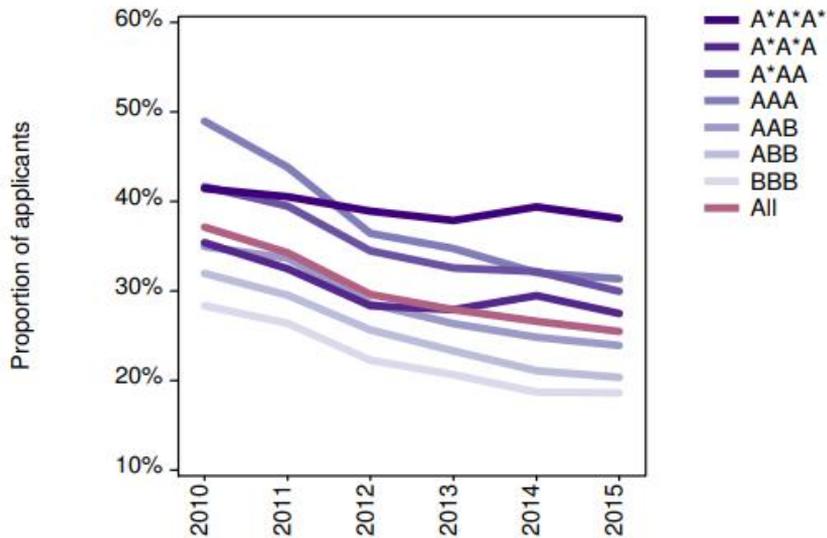


Figure 3 Proportion of applicants who missed their predicted attainment by two or more points by best three predicted grade profile

