



# **Welcome to The Buckingham School**

## **Year 12 Welcome Evening**

Thursday 26th Sept 2024

# Agenda for the evening:

Welcome and Introduction - Mrs R Beaumont - Director of Sixth Form

Careers/ Unifrog - Miss C Shanahan - Careers Lead

Pastoral Care/ UCAS - Mrs C Gibson-Smith - Head of Sixth Form

Meet the Tutors Informal Chat:

Miss L Cunningham 12 A

Miss C Shanahan 12 B

Mrs C Fraser 12 C

Mr J Ryan 12 D



# Welcome & Introduction

*Mrs R Beaumont*

# Key Dates

## 2024/25

16th January - How to support your child in revision

3rd-14th February - Y12 assessments

20th March - Parents' evening

8th May - Destinations evening

16th-27th June - Y12 mock exams

w/c 14th July - Y12 work experience

## 2025/26 (subject to change)

10th-21st September - Y13 assessments

14th October - Early UCAS application deadline

18th December - Parents' evening

15th January - How to support your child in revision

28th January - UCAS deadline

23rd February-6th March - Y13 mock exams

27th April - Public exam start

22nd May - Break up for half term (study leave starts)

19th June - Student leavers' celebrations

29th June - Family leavers' celebrations

# Opportunities

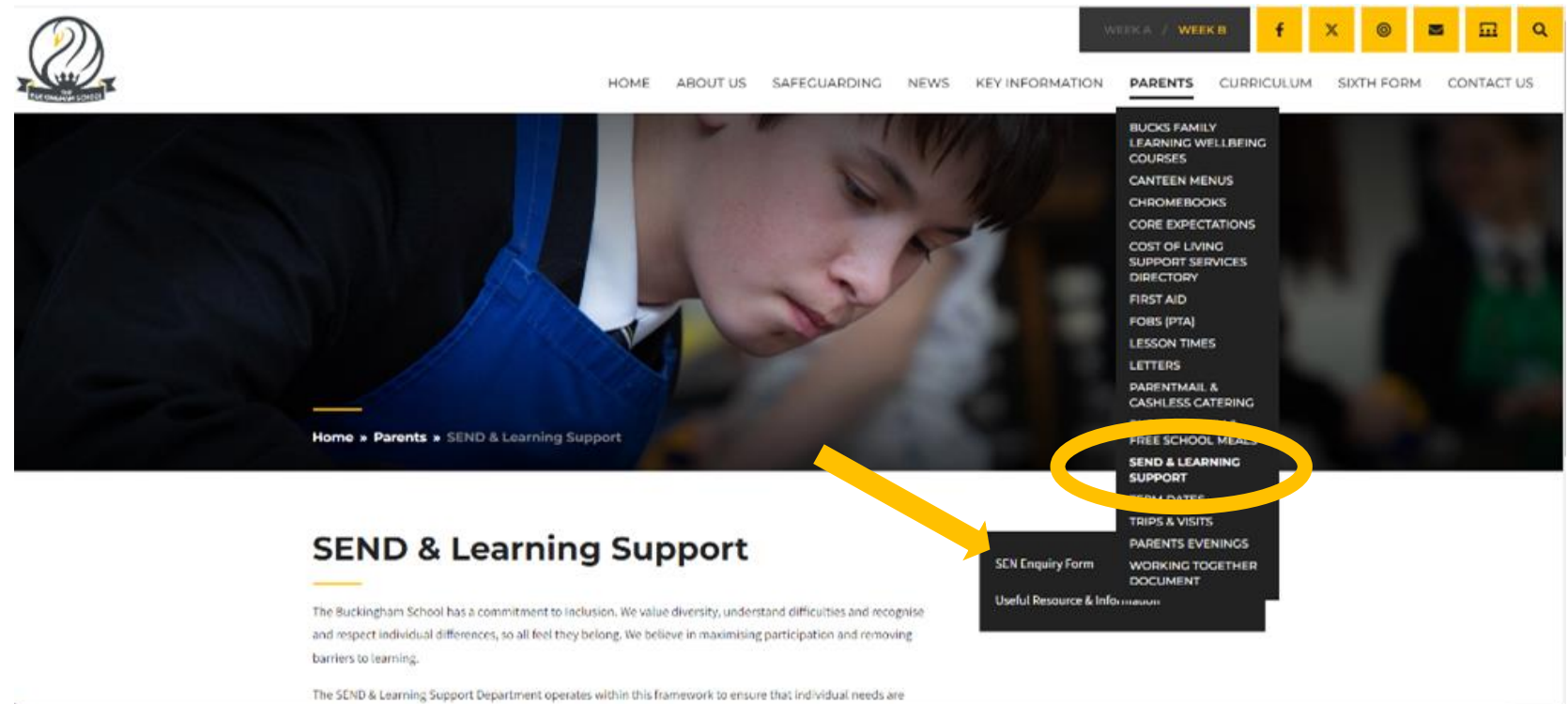
- Student Senior Leadership Team
- School Council
- Rotarian Interviews
- Work Experience
- Grow Your Ambition programme
- Elevate
- Development time
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Nuffield Projects
- Green Schools Challenge

# Academic support

- Weekly planners
- 1-2-1 mentor meetings
- Independent study
- Silent study
- Assessment hour
- Seneca

# Communication

- Go4Schools
- Edulink
- Google Classroom
- Email
- SEND referral





# Careers / Unifrog

*Miss C Shanahan*



# What is Unifrog?

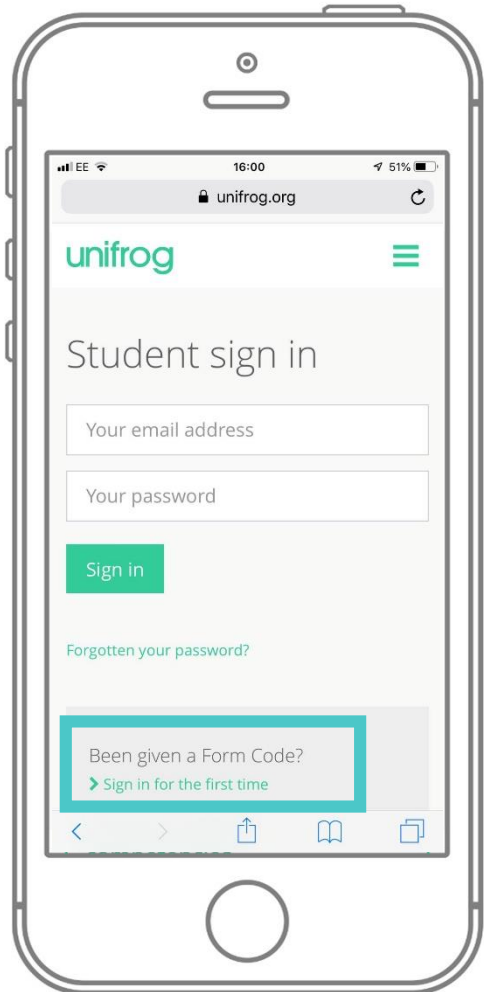
- Unifrog believe that destinations - where students end up after school - is even more important than their academic performance. They partner with schools to support students to progress into the best opportunity for them.
- Unifrog do this by providing a one-stop-shop where students can explore their interests, then find and successfully apply for their best next-step after school.

# The Unifrog tools

Access all tools on Unifrog to learn what options are available, access good quality information, and search for opportunities to support your child.

Quizzes	Exploring pathways	Recording what you've done	Searching for opportunities	Drafting application	Making applications
Interests profile	Careers library	Activities	UK universities	UK Personal Statement	Post 18 Intentions
Personality profile	Subjects library	Skills	US universities	Classes	Locker
Work environments	Know-how library	Interactions	European universities	Subject References	Applications list
Skills profile	MOOC		Oxbridge	CV / Resumé	
	Webinars		Canadian	Writing tool	
	Read, Watch, Listen		Asian universities	Common App Essay	
			Australasian	US recommenders	
			MidEast and Africa	Notes for Reference writers	
			Irish universities		
			Special		
			Events		

# Parents & guardians, get signed up!



Scan this QR code or go to [www.unifrog.org/student](https://www.unifrog.org/student) and click 'Sign in for the first time' You'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code. This is what you need:

**Parent Sign up Code: TBCKparents**

After signing up, log into Unifrog using your email address and password via the student sign-in page!

# Grow Your Ambition

The aim is to equip young people with skills for life through 3 unique tailor-made experiences that promote confidence, awareness, integration and well-being.



## Grow Your Life Skills

Residential Trip: 1 night, 2 days at The Caldecotte Xperience, Milton Keynes  
Fun outdoor adventure activities and life skills (first aid, cooking, team building)



## Grow Your Employability

Empowering you with skills that prepare you for the world after school (CV writing, presentations, interview skills)

## Grow Your Community

Getting involved in our communities through a volunteering project and being active agents of change



# Green Schools Challenge

The Buckinghamshire Skills Hub and Buckinghamshire Council are pleased to be launching the third year of the Green Schools Challenge, supported by a number of businesses based in the county. The competition allows Year 12 students in Buckinghamshire to learn from professionals in their fields about green technologies and sustainable business practices to develop and display a range of green skills, employability, technical, creative and academic skills.

You have been allocated a business to work with. During the challenge, participating students will receive support from the business to develop their ideas.

The aims of the challenge are:

- To provide a unique, experience-based interactive challenge that gives students a practical education in collaboration, organisation and modern workplace skills.
- To raise awareness and provide solutions to environmental issues and green jobs.
- To work with local businesses on a live brief.
- To encourage innovative solutions to known problems.
- To improve students' employability skills - critical thinking, time-management, collaboration, response to a live brief, listening and speaking skills, creativity, teamwork and leadership.





# Green Schools Challenge

Round One: Sustainability Briefing - September

19/9/24

Students will attend a Sustainability briefing at their school / college using a presentation delivered jointly between the Bucks Skills Hub and Softcat plc, to help the students understand various “green” vocabulary, to know which business will be supporting them during the challenge, explaining the aim of the challenge and defining the team roles.

All forms should get into teams, maximum 8 people per team.

There can not be more than 2 teams per form.

Before the event in October - brainstorm ideas.

Round Two: Initial Ideas Workshop - October

8/10/24

The workshop assisted by each of the supporting businesses to their school / college.

The supporting business will give the background to their business, roles and green credentials, the green challenges they face and how they are working towards overcoming them.

# Green Schools Challenge

Round Three: Training and Preparation for the Grand Final - November

11/11/24

The winning team from each school / college will experience a workplace visit to discover more about their supporting business, career pathways into their industry and how it is responding to green challenges. Each team will be assisted by the business to improve their solution from the idea in Round Two. Whilst visiting the business, each team will receive tips on improving their PowerPoint presentation and mentoring on how to deliver their pitch at the Grand Final.

Round Four: The Grand Final - December

2/12/24



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

The competing teams will attend the Grand Final to pitch their idea to a panel of “Dragons”. It will be held in the Oculus, Gateway Building, Aylesbury. The supporting businesses will be invited to attend as guests, along with other VIPs.

There will be a number of awards available to the Dragons to issue: Overall winner, Best Presentation, Most Innovative Idea, Best Team, Most Social Media Interactions, Idea likely to be Most Sustainable.

# Work Experience

- All Year 12 students and students who have chose to complete WEX during enrichment week will be completing work experience from **Monday, 14th to Friday, 18th July 2025**
- It is the students responsibility to find a placement for the 5 days.
- Failure to secure a placement will result in the students completing a virtual work experience in school with Ms Shanahan. (This will not be optional and it will be provided for them)
- If you are struggling to get a placement, please contact Ms Shanahan for help.



# How to find a placement

The Unifrog Apprenticeships tool isn't just for looking for apprenticeships!

The tool can help you to:

- Search for businesses to approach for work experience
- Get an idea of the types of industries that are available in your area

The Apprenticeship tool also shows you businesses that you're interested in on a map, so you can see how far they are from home!



# UCAS & Student Finance

*Mrs C Gibson-Smith*

# In this section

Over the following slides, we will be covering the following topics:

- ❖ Pastoral help and advice
- ❖ The Team
- ❖ UCAS/ Student finance

# Pastoral Help and Advice

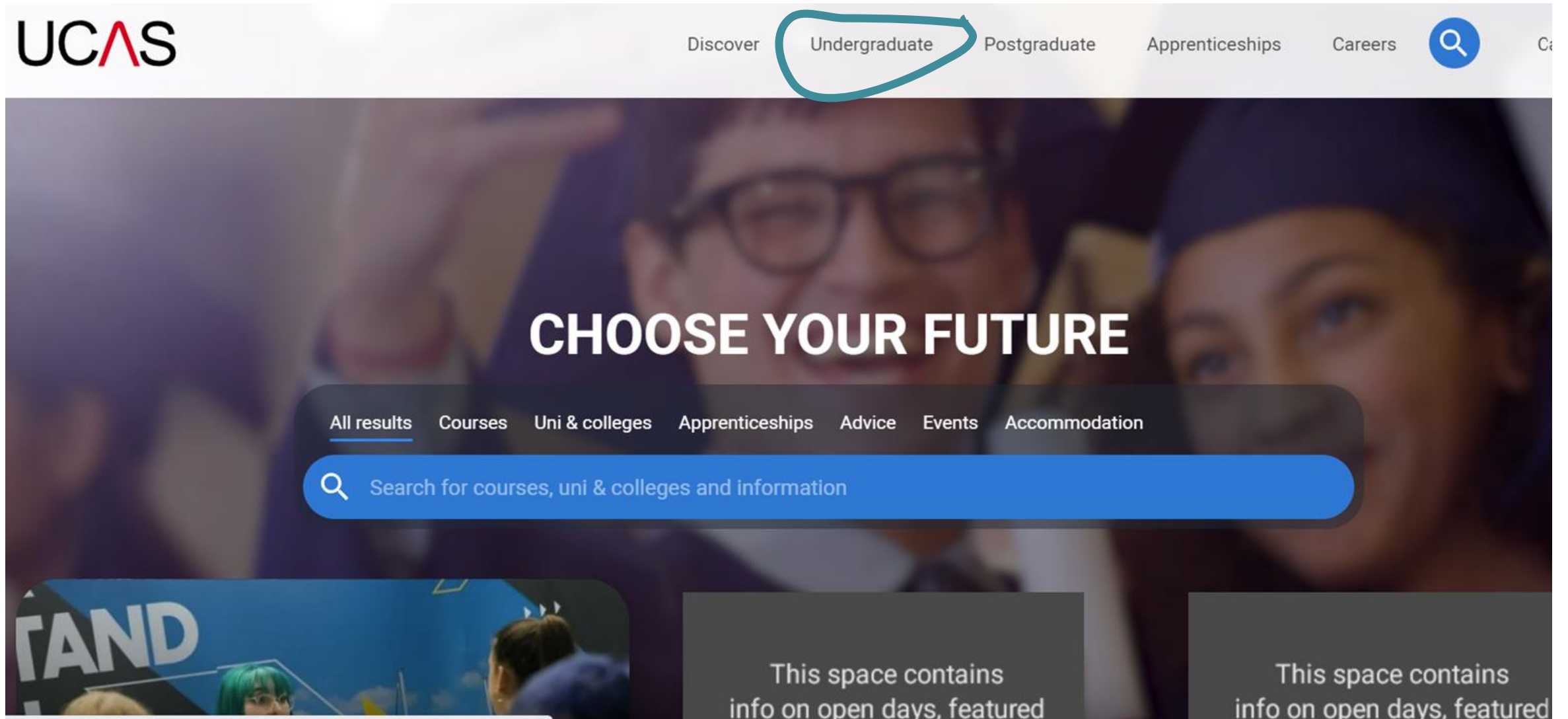
- Tutor: First port of call as they see the students each day
  - \* Google classroom
- Mrs Dye: Study Supervisor:
  - \* Academic Support
  - \* Known Absence forms
  - \* Change of subject forms
  - \* Timetables
  - \* Monitoring proper use of study periods
- Head of Year
- Director of 6th form

# Pastoral Help and Advice

- Student First Team can provide:
  - \* In house counselling and mentoring
  - \* Support with Mental Health
  - \* Support with Bullying
  - \* Referral through your tutor or HOY

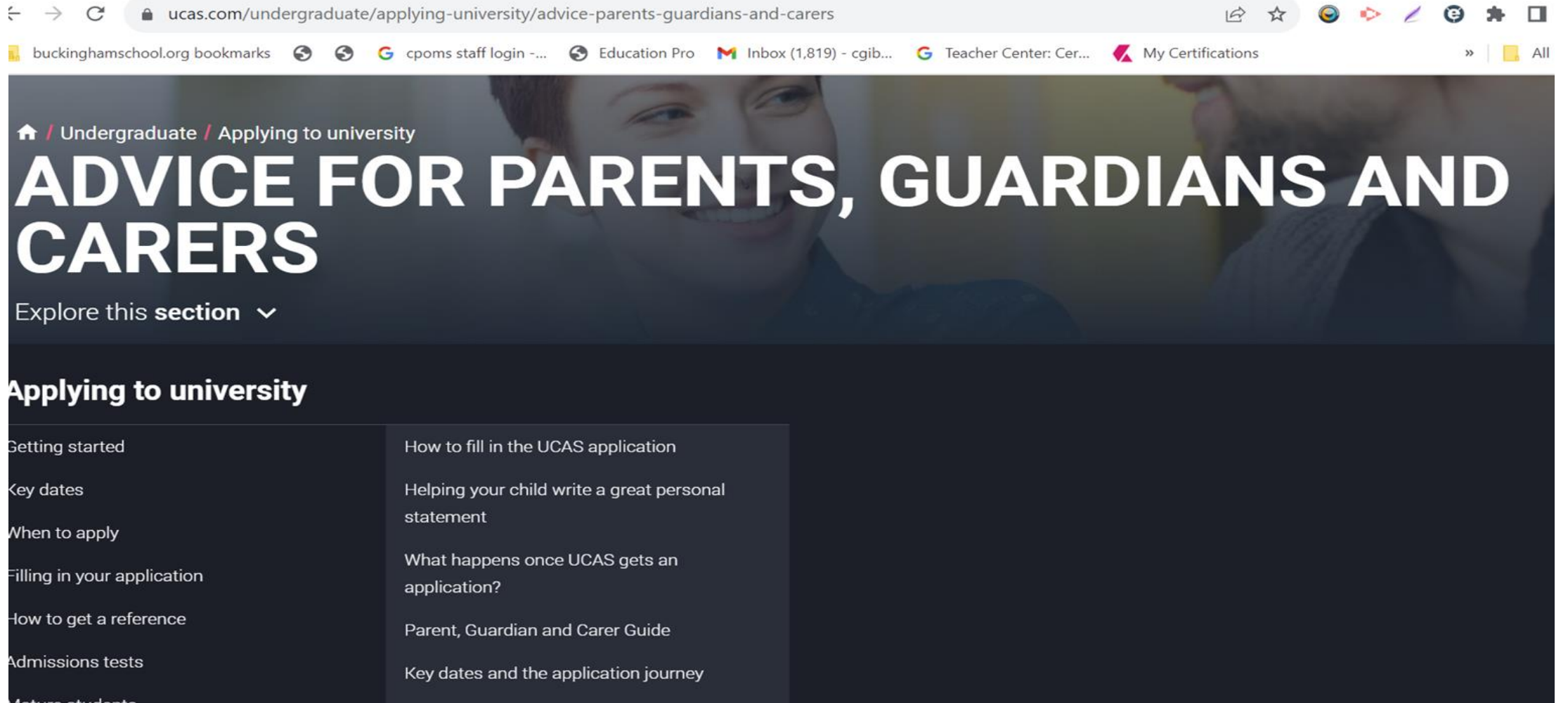
# UCAS/ Student Finance

# UCAS Website



# UCAS Website

## Parents Guide



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# ADVICE FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

Explore this **section** ▾

## Applying to university

Getting started	How to fill in the UCAS application
Key dates	Helping your child write a great personal statement
When to apply	What happens once UCAS gets an application?
Filling in your application	Parent, Guardian and Carer Guide
How to get a reference	Key dates and the application journey
Admissions tests	
Future students	



# UCAS Website

## Apprenticeships Information

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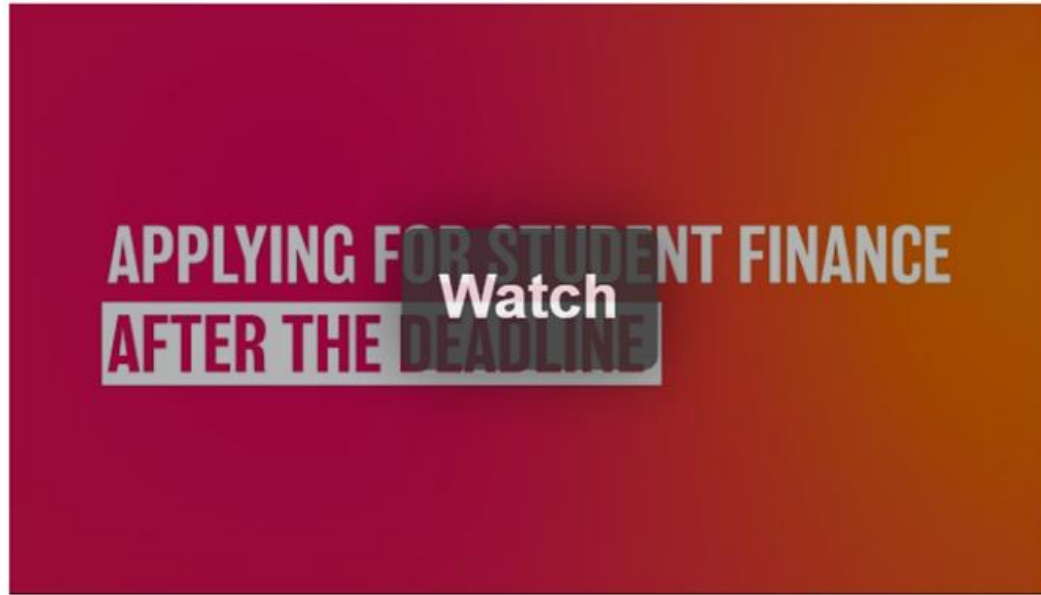


Architecture (Part 1 ) Apprentice



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# Student Finance




What to expect if you're applying near to your course starting

Find out more about [applying late](#).


If you qualify for Tuition Fee only, complete a paper [EU Tuition Fee only application form](#).

# Student Finance

## GOV.UK Website



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[Get undergraduate student finance: step by step](#)

### Student finance login

Use your student finance account to:

- view statements and letters from Student Finance England (SFE)
- track an existing application
- check when your payments are due
- update some of your personal or application details
- reset your password or find your customer reference number
- apply for finance as a new or continuing student

You can also use this service if you're [supporting a student finance application](#) and SFE has asked for details of your household income.

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[Get undergraduate student finance: step by step](#)

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Check if you're eligible

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Find out how much loan you could get

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