



Ysgol Gyfun  
Caerllion | Caerleon  
Comprehensive School

# Year 12 - UCAS Careers / Destination Programme

## 2022 - 2023

Maximising Potential  
Sicrhewch Ragoriaeth





# Launch

- June 2022
- Talks for students during enrichment sessions
- All started UCAS application on June 13
- Enrichment Sessions will cover many aspects of the process
  - Expert guidance - Guest Speakers
  - How to sessions - e.g. Writing a killer personal statement
  - Where to find resources
  - Crucial information that if missed could lead to weak applications



# What we offer

- Opportunities sent to students via UniFrog and email based on their career choices and aspirations e.g. Virtual work experience, webinars
- Targeted super-curriculum opportunities through Google Classroom and UniFrog
- Detailed guidance on making applications to UCAS / Apprenticeships etc.
- Detailed guidance on writing personal statements / letter of application
- Personal mentor for support
- 1 full final proofread and check of personal statement (if deadline is met)
- All application forms checked for accuracy / errors
- Use of UniFrog to check appropriateness of choices for UCAS
- A practice interview if students are asked to interview for places
- Reminders and resources for students who need to sit entrance exams e.g Bmat, UCAT etc - Students need to check this themselves as well
- Parental support eg finance talks, UCAS process talks, online resources
- A full bespoke personal reference



# Main UCAS applicants

- **Deadline Jan 25th (For non medics, vets, dentists and Oxbridge)**
- Internal deadlines
  - Draft Personal Statement completed by Oct 7th (if students wants help)
  - UCAS form Paid and Sent by **Nov 18th** (This is to us - not UCAS)
    - Reference can **THEN** be written, final checks for accuracy can be made
    - Large undertaking - missed deadlines cause a backlog
  - School submits form to UCAS as soon as it is ready. Earlier the better allowing students to concentrate on A-Levels
- **NOW - June 2022 - Sept 2022**
  - Complete application form on **UCAS - (Mostly done on June 13)**
  - Shortlist university courses in Unifrog - Use target grades from Progress checks for suitability.
  - Completing Work Experience (virtual)
  - Completing MOOCS (Future learn)
  - Working on Personal Statement - use resources and guides (given to students after half term)

## Early applicants - Conservatoire, Oxbridge, Medics, Vets & Dentists

- Music Conservatoire -
  - Deadline Oct 3rd
  - Internal application deadline for Conservatoire Sept 14th (Allows time for specialist references to be produced by Music Department)
- Oxbridge, Vets, Medics and Dentists
- The UCAS deadline is Oct 15th
- Internal deadlines
  - Personal Statement completed by Sept 9th (if students wants help)
  - UCAS form Paid and Sent by Sept 23rd
    - Reference can be written, final checks for accuracy can be made
  - School submits form to UCAS
- **NOW June 2022 - Spet 2022 - Check courses ask for entrance exams**
  - Enhance application through super curriculum
  - Completing Work Experience (virtual), Completing MOOCS (Future learn), Ted Talks
  - Working on Personal Statement



# Other Pathways

## Start Researching NOW

- Apprenticeships - Speak to Madame Moses in E1
- Network 75 - <https://network75.southwales.ac.uk/>
- College eg Coleg Gwent - Higher Diplomas etc - Vocational Qualifications
- Getting a Job
- Gap Year
  
- **NOW - Suggested activities**
  - Completing Work Experience (virtual or in person)
  - Completing MOOCS (Future learn)
  - Research opportunities available in UniFriog
  - Speak to Career Wales - Book an appointment by emailing [post16@caerleoncomprehenisve.net](mailto:post16@caerleoncomprehenisve.net)
  - Working on Personal Statement - use resources and guides on Google Classroom



# Resources

- Students and parents have access to **UniFrog**
- **ALL UCAS / CAREER** related material will go through this resource
  - We can access it and check progress
  - It is live and up to date
  - Used by many schools across the UK
- To receive support from mentors students will need to use UniFrog
  - Guidance given on June 17th
  - During Enrichment sessions
- Detailed guides and instructions are on the school website
- Important information regularly posted on Google Classroom
- Access to HOY and Mentor during 10:45 to 11:00



# Being Successful

- ALL students make a UCAS application and Personal Statement
  - Change mind - transferable skills, PS becomes Letter of application - Crucial Skills **FOR ALL STUDENTS**
  - No cost application to starting an application - payment is due when it is submitted to UCAS
- Attendance to all sessions
- Daily check in to UniFrog
  - Extra effort - complete **MOOCS**, wider reading. Ted Talks (we will signpost - but it will be students responsibility)
- Be motivated and act independently
- Meet deadlines or miss out on extra help
- See mentor regularly throughout process - mandatory appointments as well as adhoc when needed by student
- Always attend scheduled meetings for UCAS





# Summary

- Check courses now for entry requirements
- Pick courses that are realistic for best opportunity not just on Geography
- Attend and engage with all enrichment sessions
- Start work on Personal Statement (Now and over summer)
- Shortlist courses that are suitable
- Beef up your application
  - Work experience in the field
  - Extra Qualifications from Moocs and Future Learn
  - Wider reading and learning (Ted talks, books etc.)
  - Voluntary work
- Practice entry tests if applicable to your course



# Websites

- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)
- <https://www.springpod.com/> - opportunities for live and virtual work experience
- [www.caerleoncomprehensive.net/post16](http://www.caerleoncomprehensive.net/post16) (main Post 16 website)
- <https://www.caerleoncomprehensive.net/post18> (links to resources for careers)