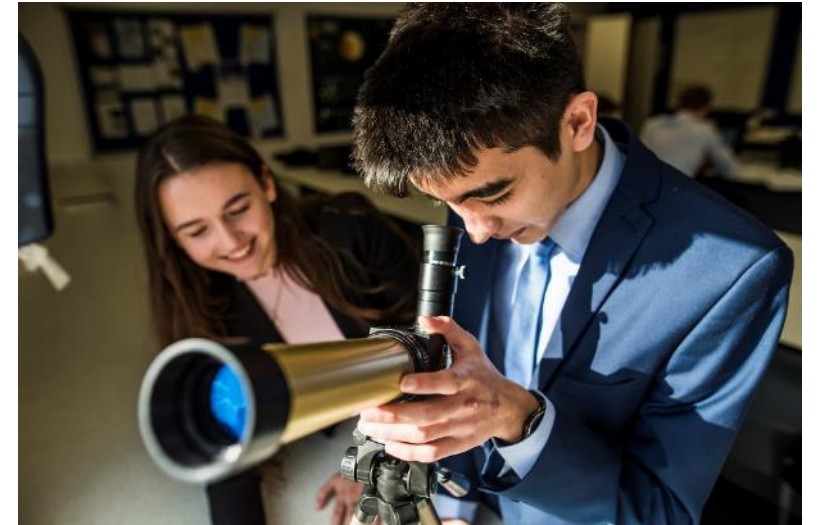




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Year 12 Post Trent Information Evening 12th June 2023





Fiona Starbuck – Head of Careers
Paul Mayfield – Head of Sixth Form
Geoff Butler – Head of Y12



- The HE Landscape
- Considering the options after Trent College
 - Understand processes and timescales
- Support available





Event Questions



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What pupils know so far..

- Introduction to all the available options:
 - University
 - Degree/Higher Level Apprenticeships
 - Gap years
 - Work
- Understand the landscape
- Understand how they can be competitive
- Complete part one of the UCAS application (this week)
- How to write an effective Personal Statement (next week)
- Visit a UCAS exhibition – (29th June)





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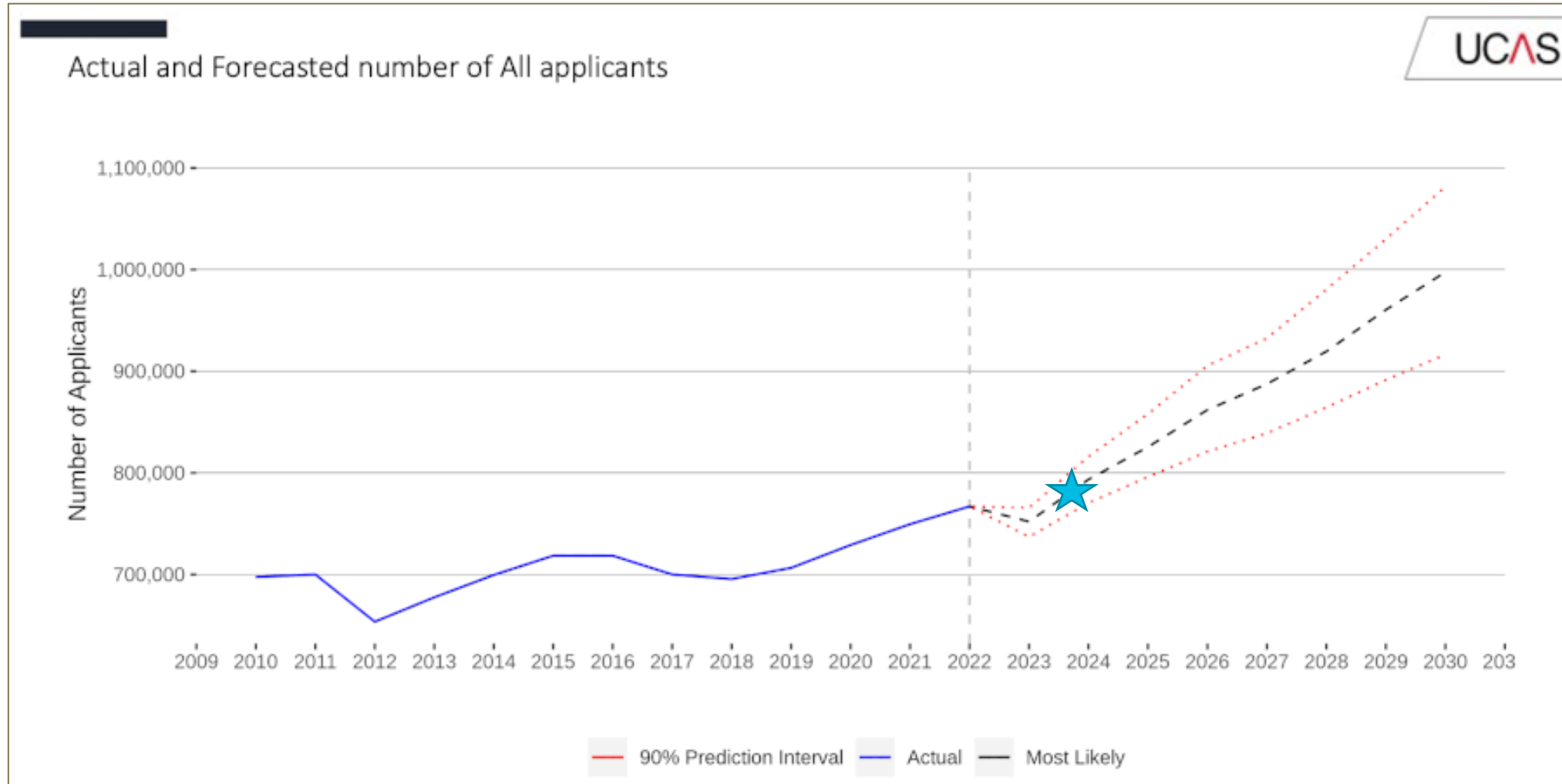


The Higher Education Landscape

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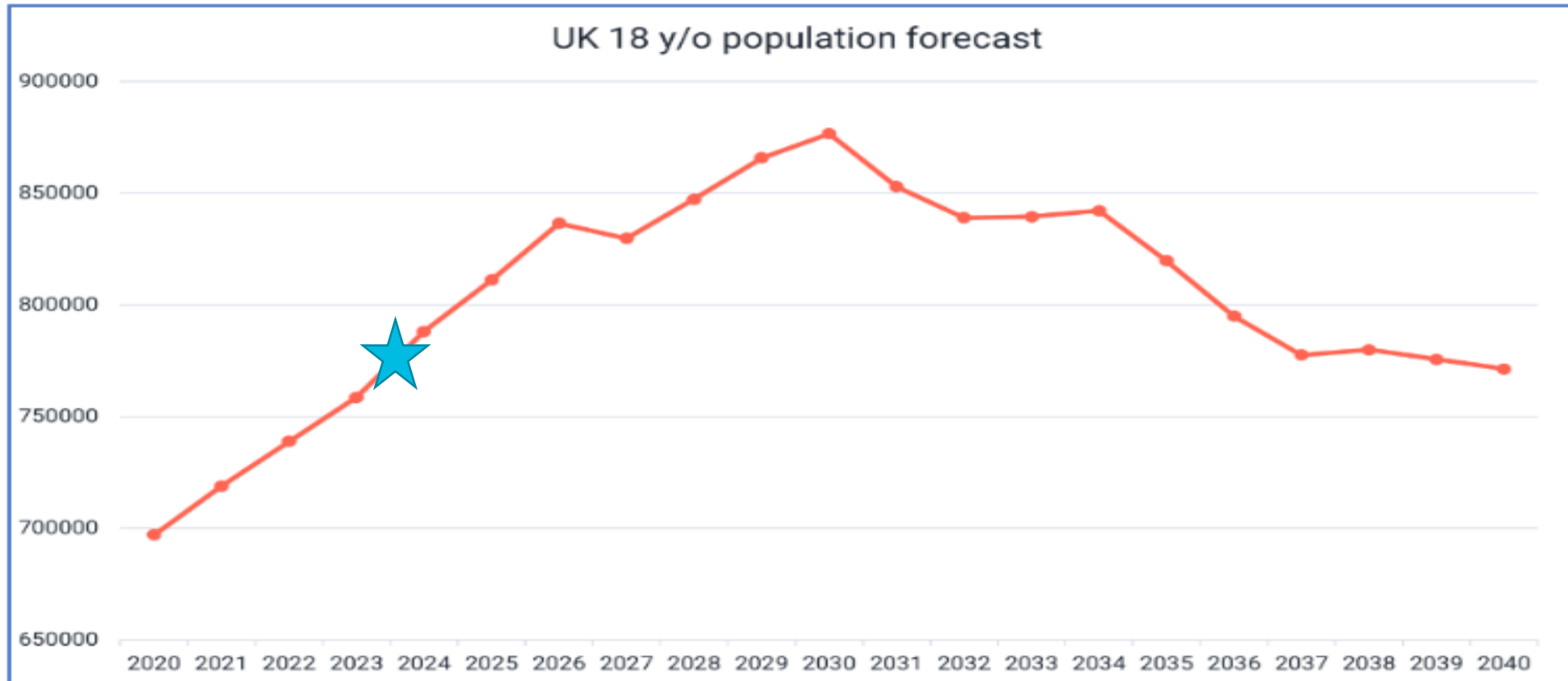


UCAS 'Journey to a Million'



Demographic Growth

Graph 1: ONS population projection of 18-year-olds^{xviii}



Impact on the student

- Entry requirements increase
 - eg: Nottingham University – Law, AAA requirements for 2023 entrants, most probably A*AA for 2024
- Less guarantee of 5 offers
- No longer a buyers' market
- Many will have to find alternative pathways
- Vocational options will have to increase



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Options after Trent



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- 1 - UK University**
 - 2 - University Abroad**
 - 3 - Apprenticeship**
 - 4 - Gap/Work**

1 - UK University

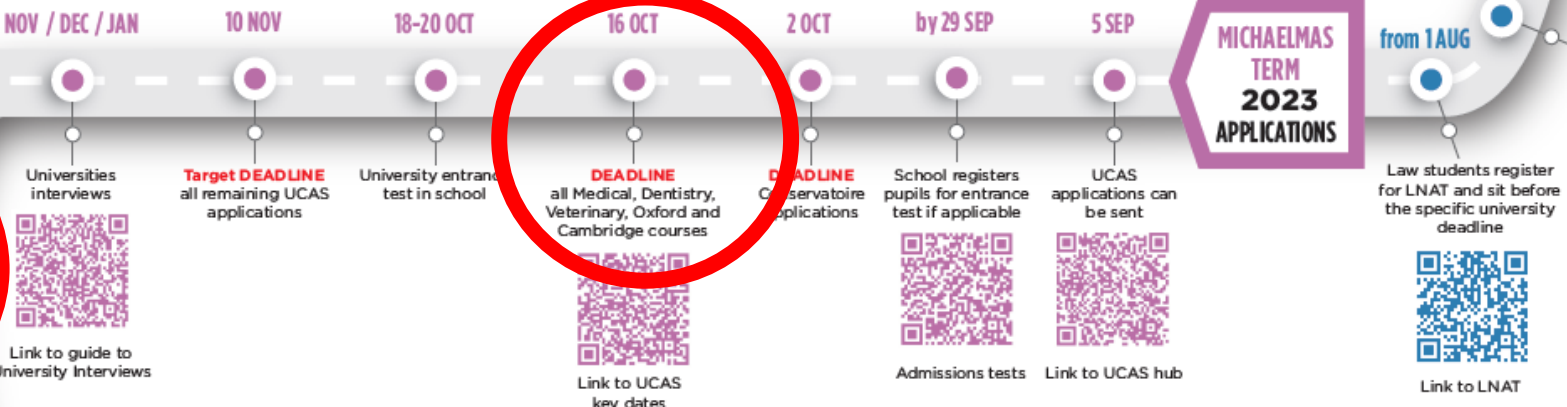
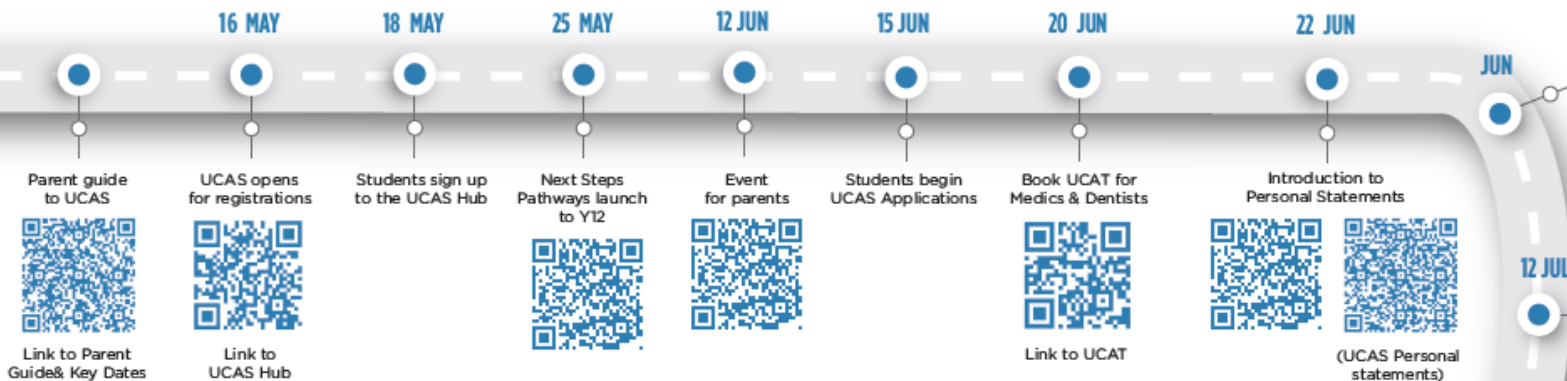
- Integrated Masters
- Undergraduate Degree – early and standard application
- Foundation Year (Y0)
- Conservatoires – early and standard application for performing arts
- New Universities / Liberal Arts Institutions
- Foundation Diploma – Level 3 (Art & Design)

Process of application

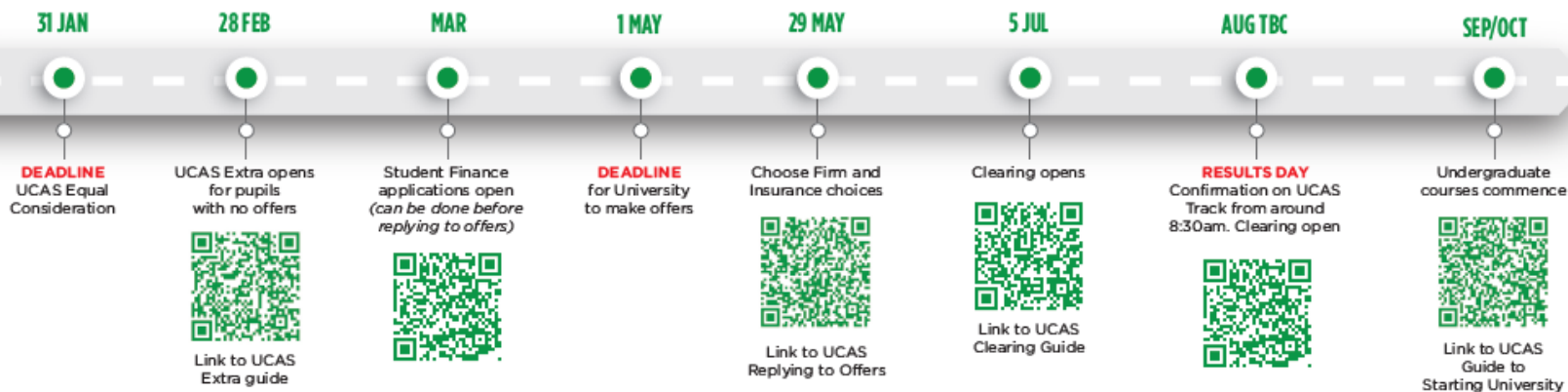
- During Michaelmas Term 2023 apply to **5** UK institutions through UCAS (University & Colleges Admissions Service)
- Application contains:
 - Personal details
 - Education – all GCSE / pending A levels / any other approved qualifications
 - Personal Statement written by student
 - Course choices
 - What year you'd like to start (check)
 - Information about student, health, nationality, ethnicity, employment, any relevant academic activities, student funding requirements
 - A reference – written by your tutor (more later on this)
 - UCAS Predicted Grades – added by tutor

UCAS TIMELINE

TRINITY
TERM
2023



2024
OFFERS, CHOICES
AND RESULTS



How do I choose a course?


- Passion for subject/course
- Professional accreditation
- Are entry requirements achievable?
- Style of teaching, modular or exam based?
- University reputation for course or subject
- Teaching and research excellence / facilities
- Study abroad / year in industry options
- Graduate outcomes





How do I choose a course?

UCAS



Unsure about a course, provider, or student life?
Talk to students who are already studying... they know the provider, the courses, the accommodation, and what the the city or town has to offer.

Choosing what and where to study
How to find out about courses that might be right for you, and where you could study them.

What can I do next?
Get ideas and all the info on your options to help decide the right route for you.



Subjects library

Find the best subjects for you, then save your favourites here:

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Law and law studies



The academic study and application of legal rules to real life scenarios, covering areas such as crime, property and human rights.

[Read the guide >](#)



Veterinary medicine



Develop a strong understanding of how animals' bodies work so you can diagnose, treat and manage medical conditions.

[Read the guide >](#)



History



The study of events and people from the past to give us a better understanding of the future.

[Read the guide >](#)

How do I choose a course?

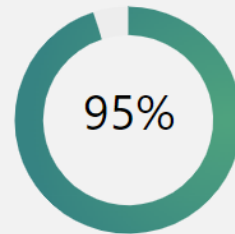


National Student Survey results	Entry information	After 1 year on the course	Earnings after the course	Employment 15 months after the course	Graduate perceptions	Information on the website
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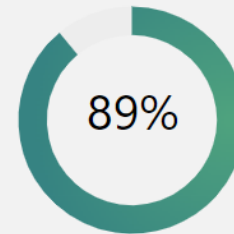
The teaching on my course

[Source: NSS \(National Student Survey\)](#)

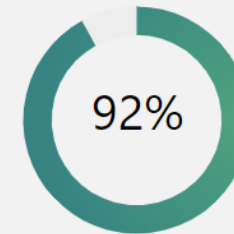
Data from 80 students
(84% of those who were asked)



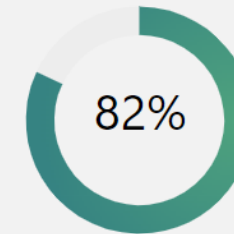
Staff are good at explaining things



Staff have made the subject interesting



The course is intellectually stimulating

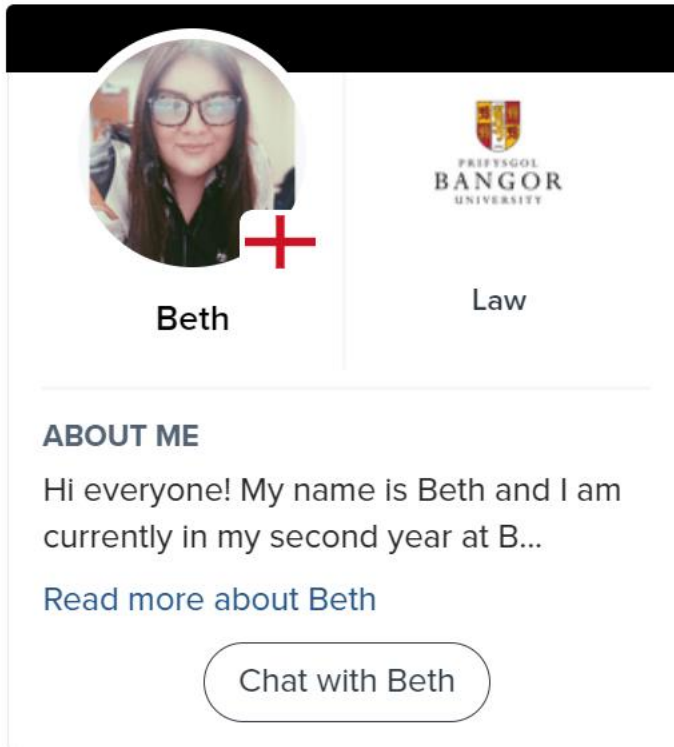


My course has challenged me to achieve my best work

How do I choose a course?



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University
Guide



Beth

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UNIVERSITY

Law

ABOUT ME

Hi everyone! My name is Beth and I am currently in my second year at B...

[Read more about Beth](#)

Chat with Beth



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Undergraduate



Chat to uni students



Not all courses are the same - Biology

Year 1

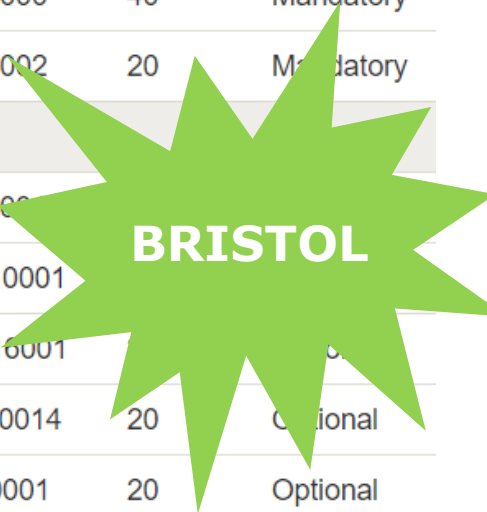
- > Practical research and academic skills for biologists
- > Cell and molecular biology
- > Genetics
- > Ecology and evolution 1
- > The life of Earth 1
- > Cell biology
- > The life of Earth 2
- > Ecology and evolution 2
- > Biochemistry for biologists



- 5.3% drop out of university so do your **research!**

(*HESA)

Unit name	Unit code	Credit points	Status
Biology 1A: Diversity of Life	BIOL11000	40	Mandatory
Biology 1B: Life Processes	BIOL12000	40	Mandatory
Key Concepts for Biologists	BIOL10002	20	Mandatory
Units from the following list totalling 20 credit points			
Current Topics in Biology	BIOL10001	20	Mandatory
Big Ideas in Science	CHEM10001	20	Mandatory
World in Crisis?	GEOG16001	20	Mandatory
Fundamentals of Body Function	PHPH10014	20	Optional
Sustainable Development	UNIV10001	20	Optional
Inequality, Crisis and Prosperity: How to Make Sense of the Global Economy	UNIV10003	20	Optional
City Futures: Migration, Citizenship, and Planetary Change	UNIV10005	20	Optional





Entry Requirements

- You need to make sure that you meet Entry Requirements through your Predicted Grades
- Check GCSEs
- **This is the easiest way for unis to shortlist**



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Business Management BA

A-level: AAA

GCSE: 5 GCSEs at grade C/4 or higher including Mathematics grade B/5 and English Language grade B/6 or equivalent, or an appropriate English language qualification.* *If you have a B/6 in GCSE English Literature we will accept a Grade B/5 or C/4 in GCSE English Language.



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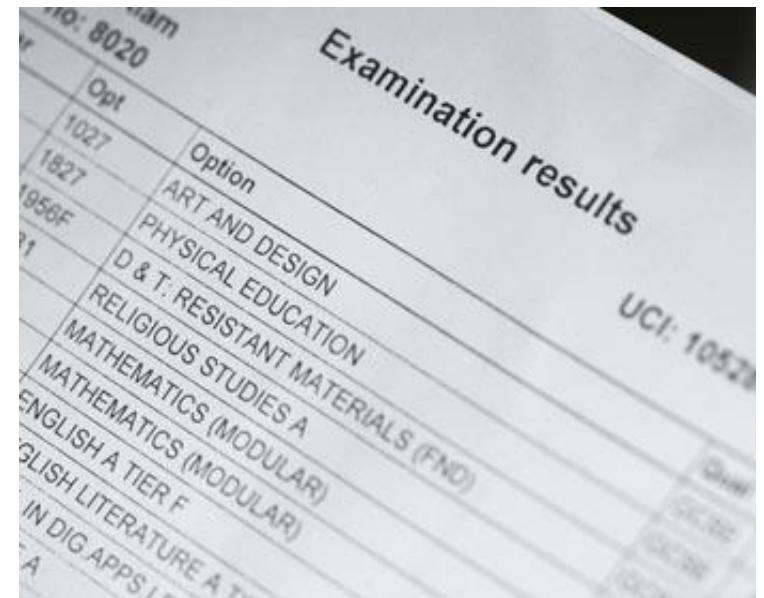


UCAS Predicted Grades and References

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UCAS Predicted Grades

- Universities base their offers on the grades that Trent attach to your application.
- UCAS Grades have been published.
- Can the UCAS grade change?



Examination results

UCI: 10520

Code	Option
1027	ART AND DESIGN
1827	PHYSICAL EDUCATION
1956F	D & T: RESISTANT MATERIALS (FND)
21	RELIGIOUS STUDIES A
	MATHEMATICS (MODULAR)
	MATHEMATICS (MODULAR)
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	ENGLISH LITERATURE A T
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References

- Information on new 3 section school reference
 - School Context
 - Extenuating Circumstances
 - Academic and School Reference
- Disability on UCAS

How do I choose a university?

DO visit your chosen unis

Be selective

Open days happening
throughout summer





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Offer and Course Choices

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Contextual Offers

- Very occasionally relevant to our pupils (approx. 1 per year)
- Lower the entry requirements
- Factors such as postcode, SEN, first in the family to access HE and school performance may taken into account
- Extra work usually set before entry in September, condition of entry
- Sporting allowances

PARTNERS Programme

Newcastle University's Supported
Entry Route

Access to Leeds

Access to Leeds is our contextual admissions programme for UK undergraduate degrees. It could offer you lower entry requirements than listed on our course pages.

Course choice

- Choose a mix of ambitious and safe options
- At least one aspirational choice but don't go crazy
- Don't waste your insurance choice



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All of these are irrelevant
unless you are
**ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE
COURSE**

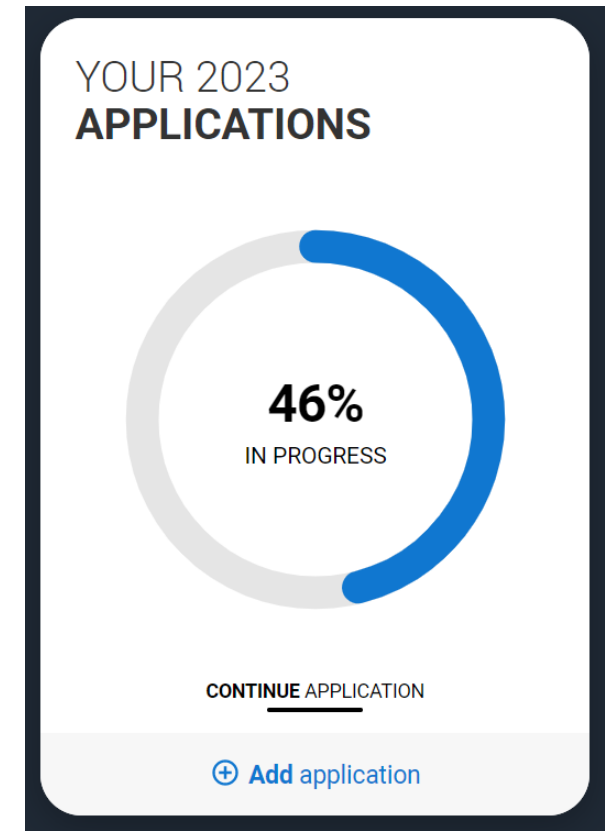


Offers

- You will receive replies to your 5 applications by **1st May 2024** which could be:
 - Conditional offers
 - Unconditional offers
 - Rejections
- You will need to narrow these down to 2 - a first or FIRM choice and a second or INSURANCE choice by **25TH May 2024**
- What if?

How do I track my application?

- This is the student's application
- UCAS Hub for application management
- Receiving offers – usually email you, don't rely on this
- Keep referring back to the Hub
- Check your emails, don't ignore





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2 – Study Abroad

Study Abroad

- UCAS + 1 (or more)
- Global universities offer unique experiences
- Variety of application processes and timescales
- Help to apply and access further support – eg: agents
- Groups and experienced staff





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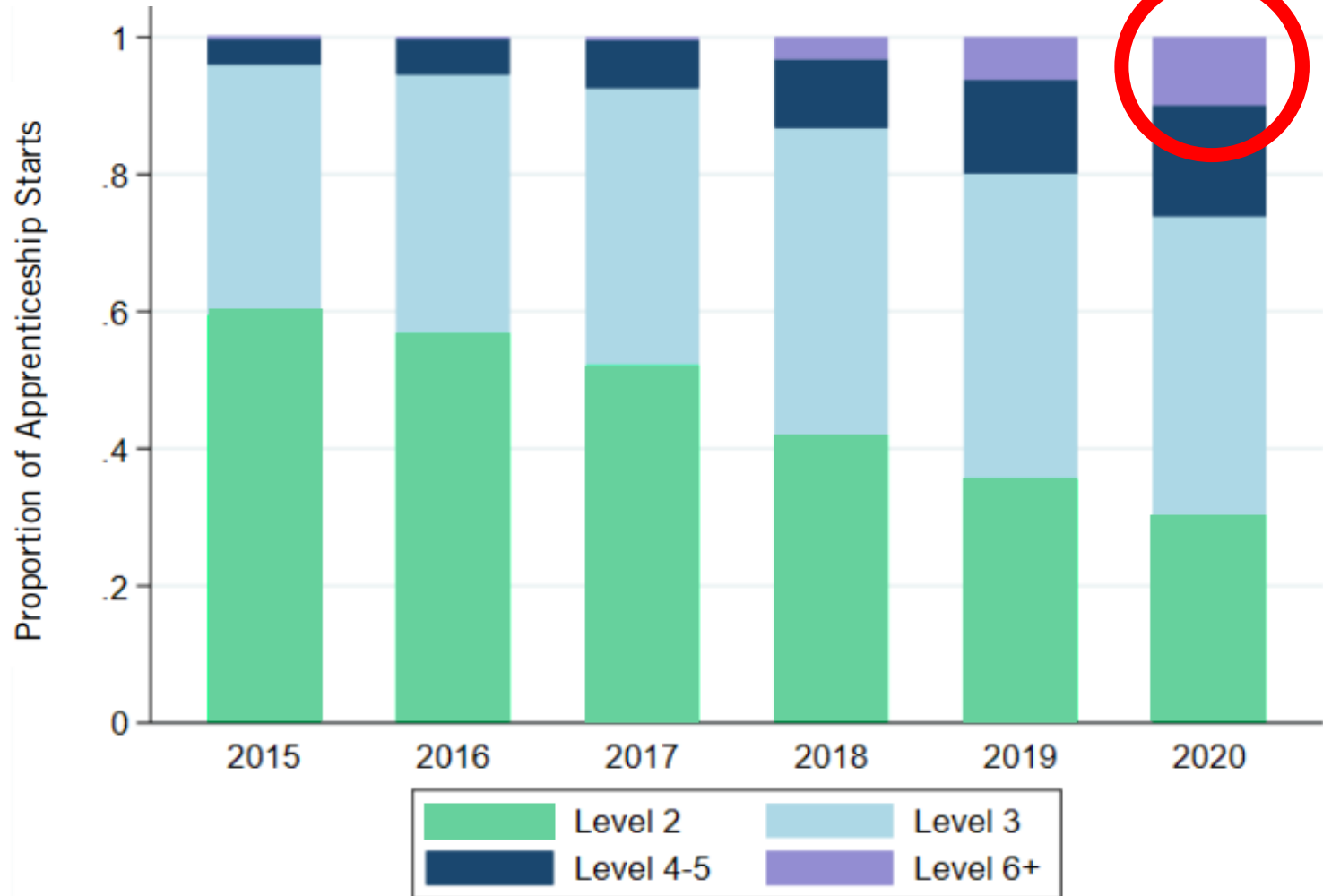


3 - Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships

- Higher and Degree, Levels 4-7
- Work and be paid as you study
- Many achieve the same qualification as going to university, paid for by the employer
- Many opportunities within Finance, Management and Engineering
- Growing opportunities every year





Year on year growth
in Higher and Degree
Apprenticeship starts



Pros and Cons

Pros


- Financial – no debt
- Independence
- Gain workplace skills/experiences
- Gain same qualification as peers
- Employment opportunities
- Network building

Cons

- Don't have the 'uni' experience
- Juggling commitments
- Less holidays
- Narrowing options earlier
- Competitive –
 - 18-year-olds – 300 000 uni applications vs 3000 degree apprenticeship starts in 2022
 - Only 40% of DA opportunities taken up by 18-25 year olds
- Can't choose your institution

Searching for an apprenticeship

- Not as simple as UCAS
- Need to search from very early in Year 13
- Schemes usually start in September after A levels
- Try and identify employers early and do work experience if possible
- Many large employers have great online resources

 GOV.UK

Find an apprenticeship

Find an apprenticeship

Search and apply for an apprenticeship in England

Apprenticeships

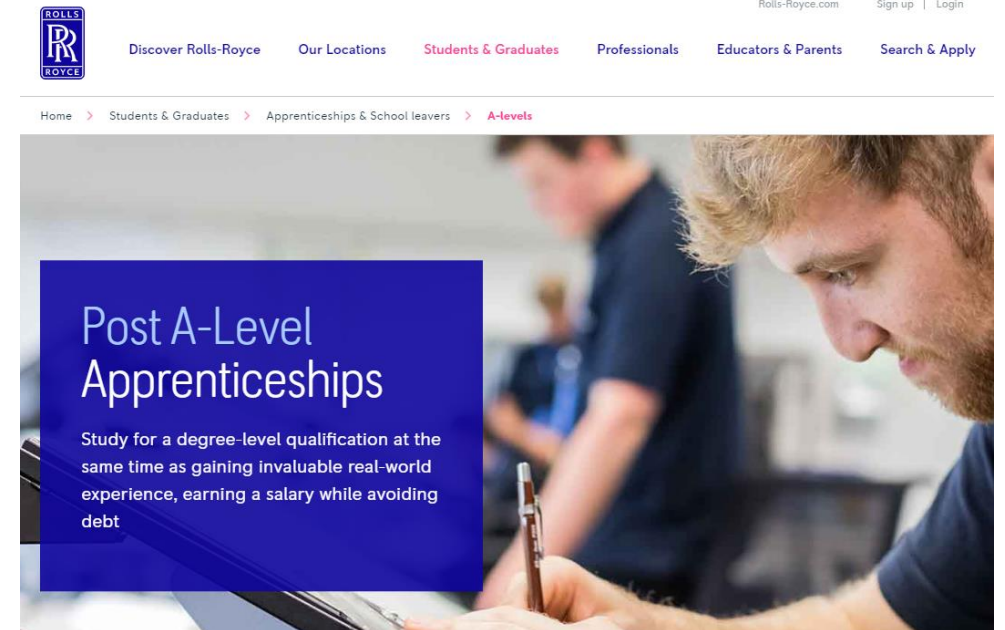
You have 28 shortlists
[View shortlists](#)

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Start >

Applying to an apprenticeship

- Each application is individual – normally through the website of the employer
- All application windows are different
- Usually a three or four stage recruitment process
- Online and assessment centres





4 - Gap Year/Work



When you leave tonight what should you be doing?

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What do universities and employers want?

- Engaged self motivated young people
- Able to think creatively and with agility
- Work well as part of a team
- Organised and able to work on multiple projects
- Adding value to communities/workplaces

Research

- 5.3% of young full time, first degree entrants in 2019-20 did not continue past their first year of study.
- Every year we process applications from Old Tridents who have decided to change their degree course or degree course provider.

Strengthening your application

- Best possible A level / BTEC results
- Research
- Why would you be an excellent student of that subject
- Extra Curricular - read around your subject
- Virtual taster sessions
- Summer schools
- MOOCS
- Work experience/Employability skills
- Co-curricular activities, music, drama, sport

Don't forget

- Prepare for tests - LNAT, BMAT, Oxbridge tests, STEP.
- Prepare for interviews
- Portfolios for Arts / Architecture interviews
- Academic Forum and MedSoc
- Work experience
- Super curricular
- Engagement outside classroom



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Application Support Available



How we can help

- We are here to help throughout the process whatever route
 - Tutors
 - Subject specialists
 - Sixth Form
 - Careers & HE
 - Academic Forum and Early Applicants
 - MedSoc / VetSoc
 - Apprenticeship Group
 - Studying Abroad
 - Boarding House
 - Careers Centre
 - Students and parents welcome
 - 1:1 guidance and support
 - Resources / Weekly Career Bulletin (Parentmail)
- Mr Mayfield, Mr Butler, Miss Hough
Mrs Starbuck, Mrs Tatlock
Mr Bhattacharyya
Mrs Starbuck
Mrs Starbuck
Miss Hough
HoMs



Event Questions



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Links and Additional Information

- The following pages provide links and further information to some of the areas discussed during the evening.

The HE Landscape / Considering the options after Trent College – University - LINKS

The HE Landscape

- <https://www.ucas.com/journey%20to%20a%20million>

Considering the options after Trent College – University

- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate>
- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/ucasonline>
- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/choosing-course/foundation-degrees>
- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/choosing-course/teaching-excellence-framework-tef-what-you-need-know>
- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/choosing-course/how-choose-between-undergraduate-courses-and-unis#comparing-course-providers-and-locations>

Considering the options after Trent College – University - LINKS

- <https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/direct/foundation-years-foundation-degrees-and-art-foundations> you'll need to sign in to Unifrog to access this link - To access Unifrog as a parent use ***treparents*** as the 'form code' in the section 'Sign in for the first time'.
- <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/>
- <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2023/world-ranking>
- <https://www.ucas.com/chat-to-students>
- <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2022/sep/24/the-guardian-university-guide-2023-the-rankings>
- <https://www.qaa.ac.uk/reviewing-higher-education>

The options after Trent College – University - Types of course

1) Bachelors (Degree)

- (BA – Arts, BSc – Science, BEng – Engineering, LLB – Law)
- 3 or 4 years
- Study one subject, two as a joint honours or more as combined honours
- 4 year courses offer placements or study abroad options.

2) Integrated Masters

- Bachelors and Masters combined
- Common in Engineering and Science
- (Apply for funding as an undergraduate)

3) Foundation Diploma

- Especially relevant in Art and Design
- Allows students to further research the subject prior to degree application
- Application is DIRECT to College, not through UCAS and application dates may be different
- Can apply to both degree and diploma
- Usually require a portfolio and interview
- Govt. funded as classed as Level 3 / 4

The options after Trent College – University - Types of course

4) Foundation Year/International Foundation

- Year 0 of a degree course for students who are not quite ready for Year 1
- Usually tie you in to a specific university
- If you pass you can progress onto the full degree course
- It is not a way on to the most competitive courses if you don't reach the grades.
- There will often be entry criteria
- Can be a good option if English is not your first language

5) Foundation Degree

- Can be more vocational, normally two year courses but can be boosted to become an honours degree

6) Conservatoires

- Specialist Music, Dance, Technical and Drama courses at 11 institutions
- Strongly vocational and performance driven
- Each college has it's specialisms so do your research
- Different application dates

7) New universities and Liberal Arts Institutions

- Direct entry, wider less structured curriculum
- Organisations such as NMITE <https://nmite.ac.uk/>

Considering the options after Trent College – Apprenticeships - LINKS

- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices/apprenticeship>
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2021/09/Apprenticeship-levels-explained.pdf>
- <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>
- <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/WhatsNext/Apprenticeships.aspx>
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships>
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/ApprenticeshipsNAS/videos>

Considering the options after Trent College – Study Abroad - LINKS

- <https://www.theuniversityguys.com/>
- <https://www.ueseducation.com/>
- <https://www.fulbright.org.uk/>
- <https://www.unifrog.org/student/home> - 100s of guides to uni around the globe you'll need to sign in to Unifrog to access this link - To access Unifrog as a parent use **treparents** as the 'form code' in the section 'Sign in for the first time'.
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/study-abroad>
- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/studying-abroad-consider-your-options>
- <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/where-to-study/studying-abroad>

Considering the options after Trent College - HOW TO CONTACT PROVIDERS

- Contact universities
 - Who to contact
 - Usually central admissions although some universities still have devolved admissions through departments.
 - Visit websites to find out
 - Sign for updates and follow on social media
 - Good helpline at UCAS <https://www.ucas.com/contact-us>
- Contacting apprenticeship providers
 - Sign up for updates on social media and websites
 - Sign for updates on the <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



Considering the options after Trent College - Gap Year

- Benefits
 - Thinking time away from school
 - Work experience = skills
 - Broaden experience and motivate
 - Gap organisations / schools abroad
 - A planned and structured gap year can enhance a CV and university application
- Deferred university entry
- Dangers
 - Extended holiday
 - Lose habit of study
 - Delay employment/learning power
 - How to finance?
 - Don't follow the crowd
 - What do you want out of it?
 - Unplanned and unstructured = blank CV

Considering the options after Trent College - Gap Year

- <https://www.ucas.com/alternatives/gap-year/gap-years-ideas-and-things-think-about>
- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/gap-year>
- <https://projecttrust.org.uk/>
- <https://www.gap360.com/>
- <https://raleighinternational.org/>
- <https://bunac.org/gap-years>
- <https://sportlived.co.uk/>
- <https://www.letzlive.org/>

This list is not exhaustive!