



☀️ Year 13 Leavers' Newsletter — Your Future Starts Now! ☀️

Congratulations on completing your final year of sixth form! You've reached a huge milestone, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination, and resilience you've shown. As you step forward into your next chapter—whether that's university, apprenticeships, work, or something new—this newsletter is here to support and guide you.

No matter where you are in your journey, there is always a next step. Always.

🎓 For Students Who Didn't Get Their First-Choice University

If things didn't go to plan on results day, please remember: you still have options.

💡 **1. Check Your Insurance Choice.** If you chose an insurance university, log into UCAS Hub to see whether they have confirmed your place.

💡 **2. Consider UCAS Clearing.** Clearing is a very common route—thousands of students use it every year. Through Clearing, you can still find: Different universities and Similar courses

Alternative pathways you may not have considered

What to do:

Log into UCAS Hub

Use the Clearing search tool to see available courses

Call universities directly—don't be afraid to ask questions

Have your grades and UCAS ID ready

💡 **3. Take Time to Rethink Your Options**

You may want a gap year, work experience, or time to reapply next year. That's completely valid.

🔧 For Students Who Didn't Secure an Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships are competitive, so not getting one straight away is normal.

✓ **1. Keep Searching**

Apprenticeship vacancies appear year-round—not just in summer.

Check:

- Find an Apprenticeship (gov.uk)
- Local employers
- College apprenticeship teams

✓ **2. Consider a Traineeship or Pre-Apprenticeship Course**

These programmes help you:

- Build experience
- Improve qualifications
- Reapply with stronger confidence

✓ **3. Get Support**

Our careers team can help with:

- CVs
- Applications
- Interview prep
- Finding alternatives



For Students Entering the World of Work

If you're stepping straight into employment—congratulations!

Tips for getting started:

- Make sure you have an updated CV
- Practise interview skills
- Look at local job boards and employer websites
- Register with recruitment agencies
- Explore short courses to boost your skills

This is an exciting step into independence—you're ready.

For Students Without a Job or Unsure

What to Do Next

Feeling uncertain is not a failure. It simply means your path is still unfolding.

Your next options might include:

- Gap year
- College course
- Part-time job
- Apprenticeship
- Volunteering

Reapplying to university next year

You're not alone.

If you feel stuck:

- Speak to a careers advisor
- Ask us for help
- Explore UCAS, job sites, or apprenticeship portals

Think about what you enjoy, what motivates you, and what matters to you

Every successful adult you know has had moments of uncertainty.

This is normal.

This is temporary.

This is just the beginning.

A Huge Congratulations to All of You

No matter your grades, your plans, or your next steps, you have achieved something significant.

You've completed 14 years of education.

You've grown academically, emotionally, socially, and personally.

You've overcome challenges nobody could have predicted.

You've shown maturity, resilience, and ambition.

We are incredibly proud of you, Year 13.

Wherever your journey takes you next—university, apprenticeships, work, or something completely different—remember:

You have everything you need to succeed.

You are capable of incredible things.

Your future is full of possibilities.

Good luck, and stay in touch. 