

# Preparing for Life Beyond Warwick Schools Foundation

## Year 7 Onwards

### UCAS

- Access to resources such as Unifrog platform, which enables pupils to find courses relating to their passions.
- Careers interviews and talks, as well as access to dedicated Careers experts
- Careers and Future bulletins.

### Art School

- Scholarships & Young Artist Programmes offer stretch, challenge and mentorship opportunities.
- Enrichment programmes include talks and workshops run by graduates and Art School students.
- Specialist support developing personal style and portfolio work.
- Warwick School Arts Festival and Warwickshire Open Studios expose pupils to high level work early on.

### Performing Arts

- Interested pupils are invited to recitals by undergraduate conservatoire members.
- Lower School music ensembles prepares elite musicians for music college applications.
- Music enrichment programmes include visits from speakers and performers in the musical world.
- Dedicated support for pupils aspiring towards choral and organ scholarships.

## Year 10 Onwards

### UCAS

- During the GCSE years, pupils hear from subject teachers about the courses and careers that different subjects will enable.
- 1-2-1 meetings with member of Senior Leadership to ensure A Level choices align with degree aspirations.
- 1-2-1 careers guidance interview with external agency.
- Pupils encouraged to meet with member of our Careers and Futures team.
- Targeted mentoring begins for those considering especially selective courses, including those at Oxford and Cambridge, Law and Medicine.

### Medicine & Allied Sciences

- Medical Pathway Friday Afternoon Activity begins. Pupils begin to explore medicine and related careers with opportunities to carry out independent research projects.

### Degree Apprenticeships

- Pupils receive guidance about Degree Apprenticeships at Sixth Form Open Evening talks,
- 1-2-1 discussions with Senior Leadership to discuss future plans, with signposting to expert staff.

### Global Universities

- Presentations at Careers Evenings to introduce the Global Universities Programme.
- 1-2-1 meetings as part of Careers interviews.
- Presentations to 'elite athletes' to outline scholarship opportunities, requirements and timelines.

## Year 9 Onwards

### UCAS

- Biannual Careers Fair is open to Years 9 to 13. Employers, admissions teams and Higher Education experts host stalls and give talks.
- PSHE programme begins to integrate sessions on UCAS provision, application requirements and the importance of combining curricular and co-curricular endeavours.

### Law

- Pupils are made aware of the support available and the dedicated work of the Law Coordinator.
- Pupils can be set up with wider reading and signposted to enrichment activities to hone their skills.

### Degree Apprenticeships

- Pupils can attend a range of talks arranged by our Careers and Futures programmes.
- 1-2-1 conversations with Degree Apprenticeships experts at our biannual Careers Fair.

## Year 11

### Medicine & Allied Sciences

- Following 1-2-1 sessions with a member of each schools Senior Leadership Team, pupils meet with Medicine Coordinator to discuss course choices and advice on how best to prepare.

### Degree Apprenticeships

- PSHE programmes outline what Degree Apprenticeships are, how they work and the benefits of considering one.

### Global Universities

- Presentations at scheduled Sixth Form Open Evenings to introduce Global Universities Programme alongside UCAS.
- 1-2-1 Sixth Form interviews to discuss A Level options and Global pathways.

## Lower Sixth

### UCAS

- Assemblies and tutor periods regularly dedicated to UCAS and other post-A Level options.
- PSHE programme dedicates specific time to Higher Education and UCAS delivered by our dedicated UCAS teams.
- Higher Education Evening formally launches UCAS programme, with pupils and parents attending talks on Russell Group applications, Oxbridge and more.

- Pupils formally register their planned course of study and are matched with appropriate mentors and Personal Statement tutors.
- Weekly subject mentoring sessions, training in pre-admissions tests, interview prep and more.
- UCAS day in Summer term is dedicated off timetable space to learn more about the UCAS form and process, with talks from admissions experts.

## Law

- Pupils can now attend weekly Law Pathway sessions, working closely with the Law Coordinator. This includes preparation for the LNAT pre-admissions test and interviews.
- Pupils undertake a programme designed to enhance their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

## Medicine & Allied Sciences

- Pupils now attend weekly pupil-led Medical Society, including current issues in healthcare, university choices, mentorship for BMAT pre-admissions test, and talks from guest speakers.
- UCAT preparation begins led by the Medical Portal, with opportunity to sit mock tests, mock interviews and receive feedback.
- Personal statement workshops tailored to Medicine and 1-2-1 feedback.

## Degree Apprenticeships

- Opportunity to attend external Degree Apprenticeships fairs.
- External providers and speakers present to pupils at our Higher Education evenings.
- Dedicated time to talk to Apprenticeship providers and explore the range of options.
- 1-2-1 mentorship with our Careers Department, lunchtime talks and dedicated programme of support.

## Global Universities

- Presentations, college fairs, virtual and in-person university visits.
- Presentations at Higher Education evenings and UCAS Days, and Q&A sessions to outline application procedures, financial aid and timelines.
- 1-2-1 meetings to form 'best-fit lists', to explore options in detail and assist with essay drafting.

## Art School

- Pupils exhibit their work and take the lead in curating their Art Departments.
- Further trips include to Art Schools like UAL to give a clear sense of what studying Art beyond A Level is like.
- Scholars and keen artists are given leadership opportunities.
- Art A Level courses take into account elements that reflect Foundation Art courses.
- 1-2-1 support with personal statements, portfolio preparation and interview practice.

## Performing Arts

- Bespoke support for individual courses and destinations with 1-2-1 mentorship for applications, auditions and interview preparation.

## Art School

- Specialist support on Foundation years and Art College courses that will suit pupils' skill set and style.
- Regular enrichment and career events, bulletins and notices inform pupils on the range of options and fields available.
- Trips include visits to galleries and Art Fairs to expand knowledge and inspire portfolio work.

## Performing Arts

- Music Scholars and those enrolled on our Advanced Music Programmes receive tailored support, including tracking of musical progress and advice on conservatoire applications.
- The Advanced Music Programme includes preparation for Music Colleges, including auditions, the psychology of performance, conducting, directing chamber music and similar.

## Upper Sixth

### UCAS

- Students submit UCAS forms in Autumn term.
- Applications to universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for courses in Medicine, Veterinary Science or Dentistry must be submitted by 15 October.

### Medicine & Allied Sciences

- Pupils attend individual meetings following the publication of their UCAS grades and their UCAT results.

### Degree Apprenticeships

- Pupils receive tailored support through the process of application, including interview practice as necessary.

### Global Universities

- Presentations, college fairs, virtual and in-person university visits.
- 1-2-1 meetings to narrow lists, draft essays, explore financial aid, testing where and when necessary.
- Application support for 'early' deadline institutions and 1-2-1 meetings to discuss options as acceptances/wait-lists/rejections arrive.
- 1-2-1 acceptance meetings to support financial aid and immigration steps.