

# Futures Parent and Carer Event



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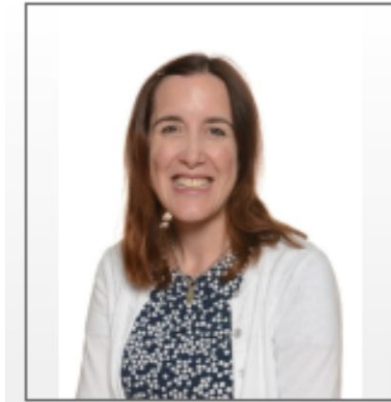
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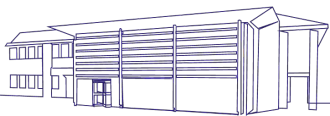
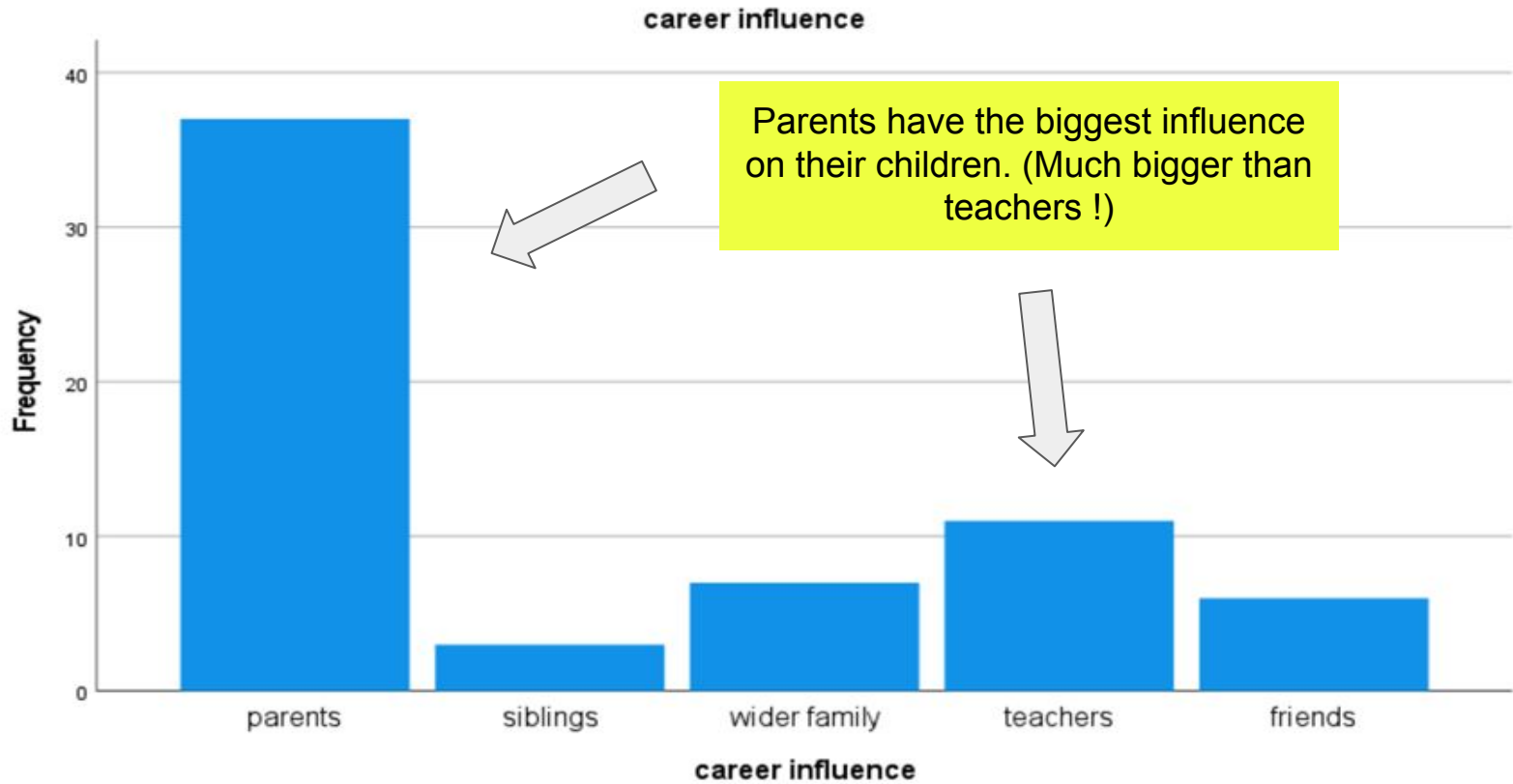
Please contact either of us at any point over the next year if you have any questions

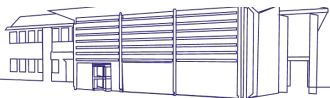
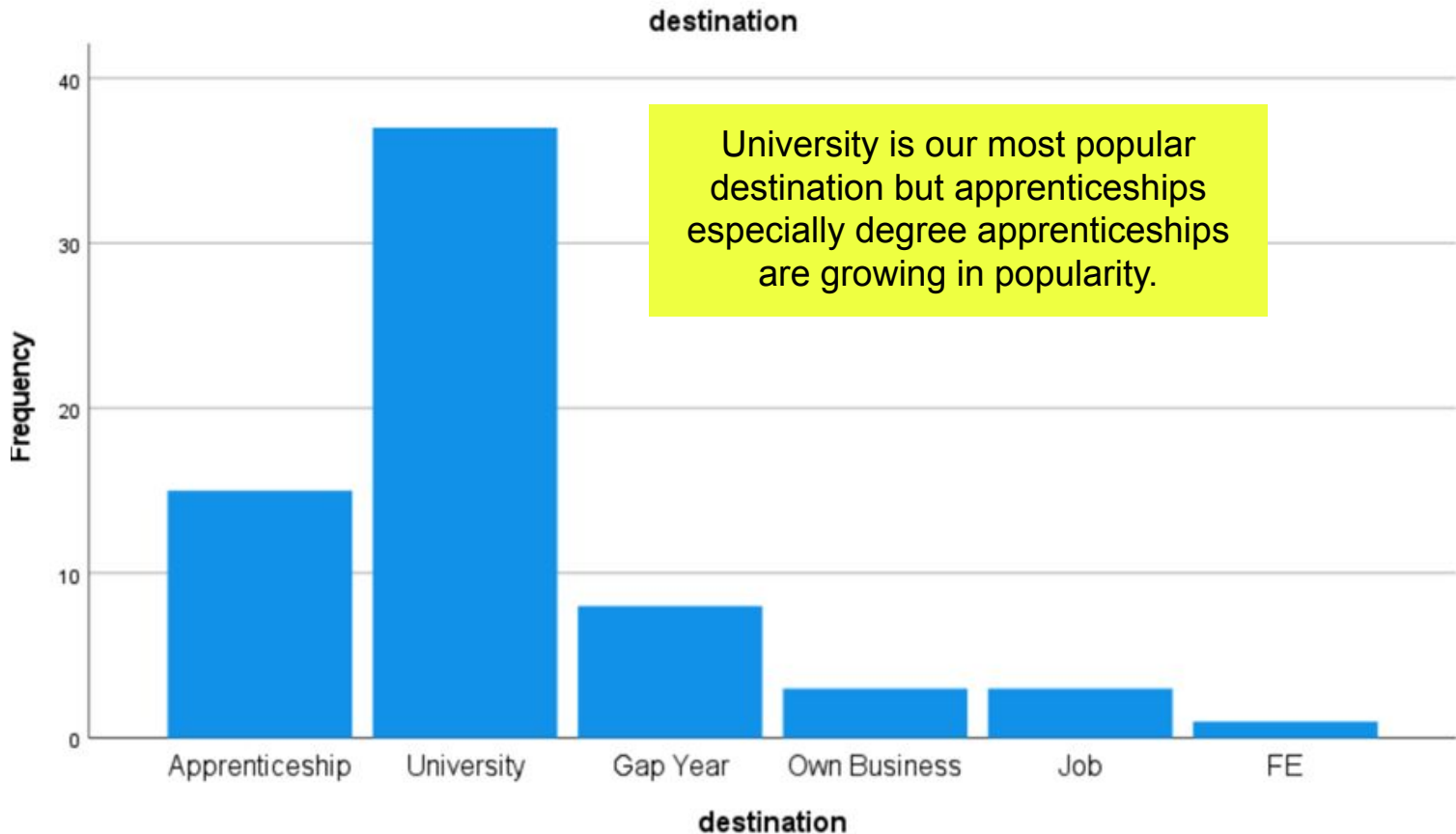


# Intro Questions

Who do you think our students see as the biggest influence on their decision about what to do after school ?

What is the most popular destination for our students ?

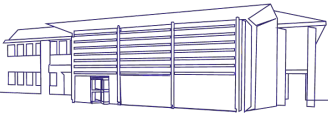
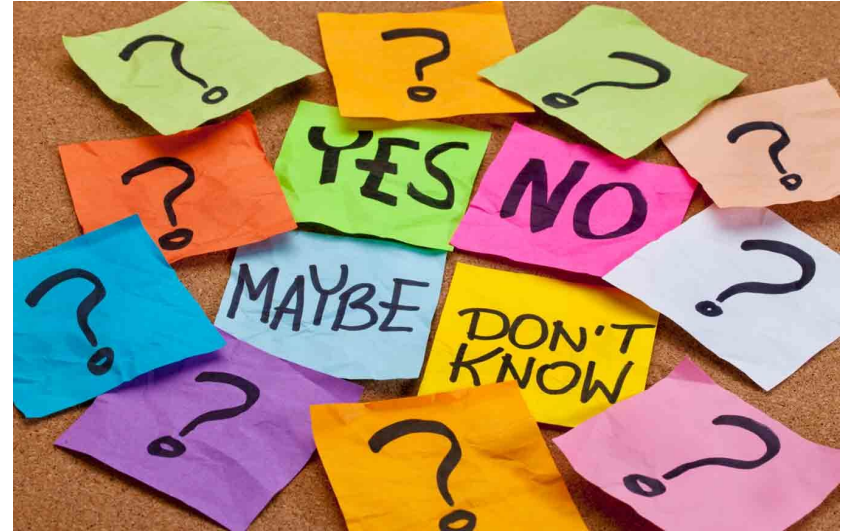






# Aims for this evening

- Information about the options available to school leavers aged 18/19
- Advantages and disadvantages of each option
- Dispel myths about apprenticeships and university
- Opportunity to ask questions



# The options:

1. University
2. Apprenticeships
3. Employment

# UCAS



# Apprenticeships







University  
Why choose it?





# University

## Why might you choose to go to university?

- Love of subject
- Extend knowledge - lifelong learning
- Research
- Broaden horizons - people / places
- Qualifications
- Stepping stone
- Fun

## Why might you choose to not go to university?

- Cost
- Fear of moving away from home
- Family commitments
- Don't want to learn more theory
- Stepping stone

# University Myth Buster



## 1. ~~We don't have enough money:~~

- a. Student loans are available to cover all of the costs of university. Nothing has to be paid up front and nothing is repaid until you are earning £25,000.

## 2. ~~Universities don't accept BTEC:~~

- a. The vast majority of universities **do** accept BTECs. There are about 6 universities out of 167 universities which don't accept BTEC.

## 3. ~~Universities are just for posh people:~~

- a. Universities have done a lot of work in recent years to widen the number of people applying to university. They actively want a diverse cohort and this is reflected in the cohorts nowadays.

## 4. ~~You need really high grades:~~

- a. There are a range of courses with different entry requirements for each course / university

## 5. ~~It's really difficult to get into university:~~

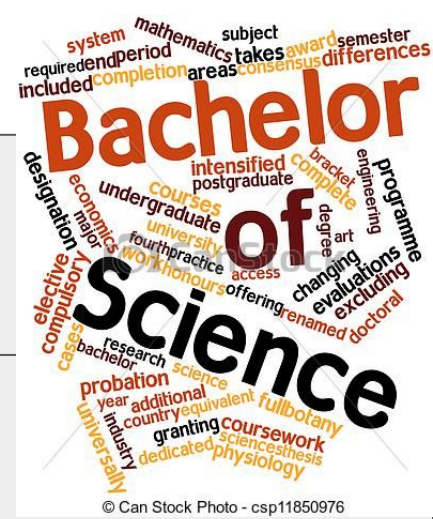
- a. At the moment - more places, fewer students. Everyone who applied last year got accepted onto a course.

# How to Apply

- UCAS Website - [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- Apply for up to 5 universities
  - Personal Details
  - Personal Statement
  - School Reference and Predicted Grades
- Costs a total of £27.50 to apply if you apply for 5 universities or just 1 university. Cost is the same at £27.50.
- School deadline 16 th November 2023

The logo for UCAS, consisting of the letters 'UCAS' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' is colored red, while the other letters 'U', 'C', 'S', and 'A' are black.

# What do the courses mean?





# Combined Honours (also called Joint honours)

Studying two subjects at the same time.

BA/Sc

For example:

- 80% Computer Science / 20% Business
- 50% Spanish / 50% French

- Studying problem solving across many different subject areas.
- London Interdisciplinary School
- Don't apply through UCAS



Single Honours



Joint (Equal Study)



Joint (Major/Minor)

# Financing University



# £9250 a year?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?

Depends on the university.

You **don't** have to pay it up front.

You can get a **student loan** in two parts:

- **Fees loan** - the exact amount needed to pay for your course. This goes straight to the university. You never see this.
- **Living expenses loan** - approx £4000-£13000 depending on how much your parents earn / whether you're living at home or not.



## Advantages

- On average graduates earn more over their lifetime than non-graduates
- On average higher starting salary than school leavers
- Some careers require a degree
- Opportunity to develop subject knowledge to a much deeper level
- Chance to meet many new people from lots of different backgrounds
- Student loan means that living costs are covered
- The “uni experience”

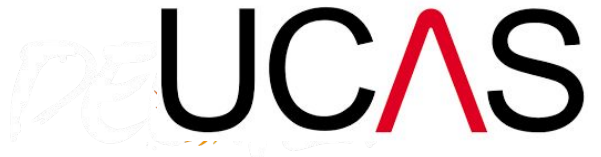
## Disadvantages

- Not for everyone - not everyone wants to carry on studying
- You will have a debt for a good number of years - but this is easily managed
- Don't start earning money for at least 3 years



## What we do at Logic...

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- All interested students have support to complete a UCAS application at the end of this term;
  - Students are encouraged to visit university **open days** throughout the summer and autumn term.
  - In the Autumn term of Year 13, on Wednesdays students will have Futures lessons to support writing their personal statement with an experienced member of staff.
  - All students will gain 1:1 guidance on their choices.
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You have nothing to lose by applying to university!



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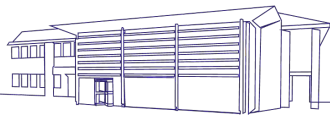


# Apprenticeships

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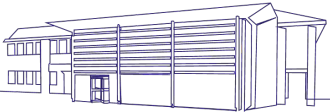


Why choose an apprenticeship ?



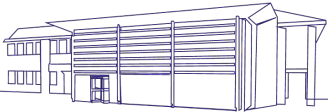
# APPRENTICESHIP MYTHS ?

- Not academic
- Low Salaries
- Usually in traditional rather than modern careers
- Not great socially

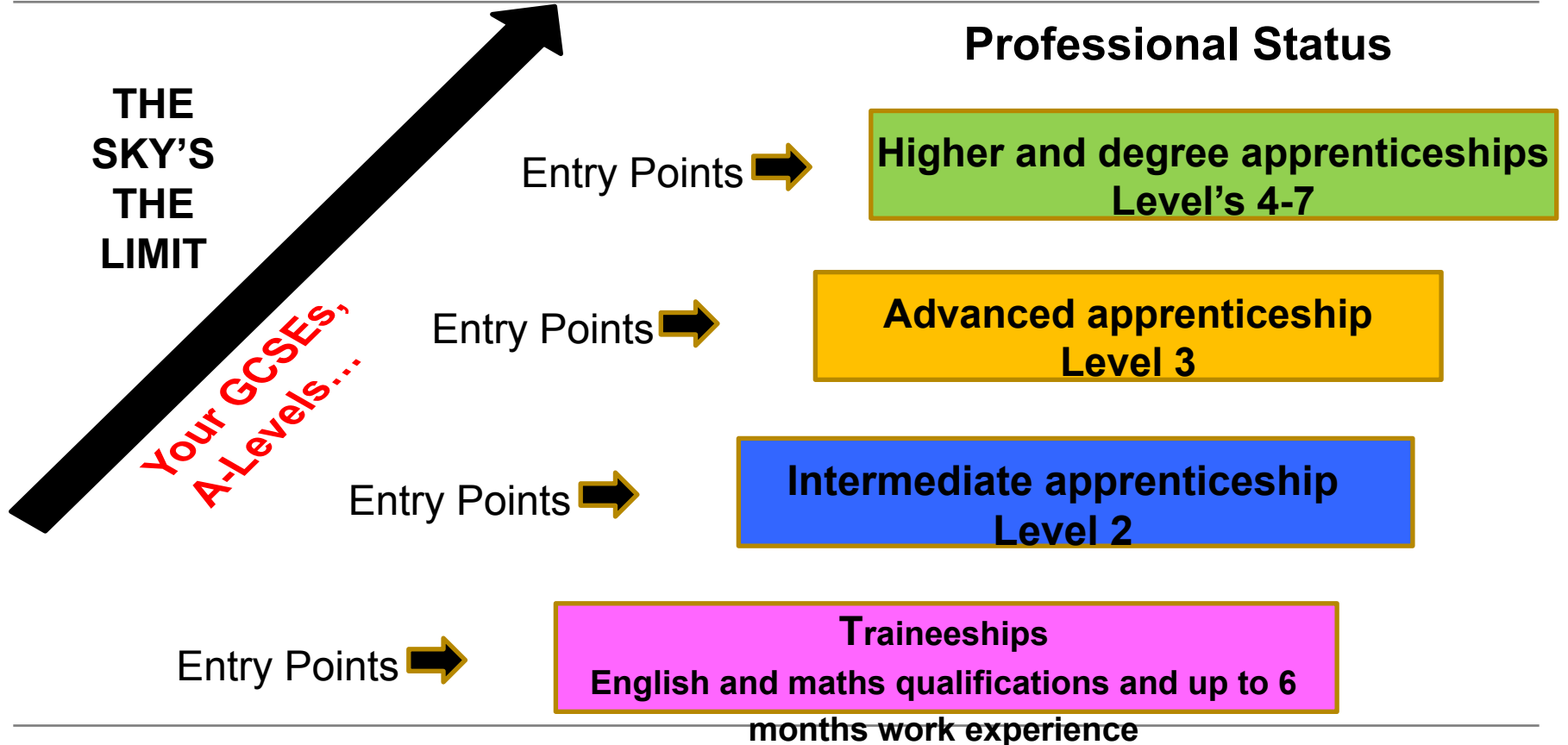




An apprenticeship is a job with substantial training and the development of transferable skills. It is a way for young people to earn while they learn, gaining a real qualification and a real future.

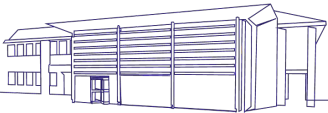


# Progression



**Pay tends to be a little lower than the equivalent full time job between £13K - £25K but can be higher in in demand areas.**

**Don't forget apprentices are not paying anything towards their training !**

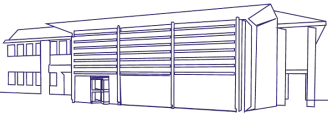


# Types of career path

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All sorts of careers and career paths are available :-

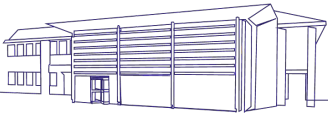
- Finance
- Accounting
- IT
- Childcare
- Nursing
- Construction
- Engineering



# Apprenticeship benefits

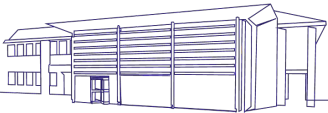
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- Earn a salary
- Learn job specific skills
- Gain a variety of transferable skills
- Work towards nationally recognised qualifications/standards
- Progress into higher education





- All interested students are encouraged to create a profile on 'find an apprenticeship';
- Students have an amazing range of work related **experiences** such as industry visits and placements in year 12.
- During year 13 apprenticeship pathway students will work with external organisations to build job hunting **skills**.
- Bespoke programme covers CV writing, interview skills and confidence building.
- All students will gain 1:1 career coaching on their choices.



# Logic Futures & Parents / Carers

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- Speak to the team at Logic - we welcome opportunities to include family members in our conversations about post 18 options.
- Use the find an apprenticeship site to find relevant roles filtered by level / distance / interests.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

- Sign up to the amazing apprenticeships parent newsletter

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/>

- Use the UCAS career finder website

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>



- Any questions ?
- The YR13 Futures team are available now for 1:1 sessions to discuss all the options available.

