



Saffron Walden County High School

Surnames A-K please attend the 7pm talk in Saffron Hall first and then visit your son/daughter's tutor at 7:30pm. Surnames L-Z, please visit the tutor first and then attend the 7:30pm talk in Saffron Hall.

GROUP	TUTOR	ROOM
13A	Mrs Patterson	D4 (First floor)
13B	Mrs Boggis/Mrs Craddock	D6 (First floor)
13C	Mrs Dolia/Mr Oxborrow	D7 (First floor)
13D	Miss Bunting	D8 (First floor)
13E	Mrs Macro/Mrs Jones	D10 (First floor)
13F	Ms Colenso/Ms Ogilvy	S2 (Sixth Form Block)
13G	Miss Sogi/Miss Doe	D3 (Ground Floor)
13H	Ms Wilde/Mrs Cox	D5 (First floor)
13I	Mrs Boulton/Mrs Curtis	D9 (First floor)

WELCOME EVENING ROOMING



Welcome to
Year 13 2021
Mrs Kennedy
Director of Sixth Form



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- **Mrs Bendall:** Deputy Director of Sixth Form (Y13)



- **Dr Wood:** Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Early Apps & EPQ)
- **Dr Toogood:** Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Careers & Employability)



- **Ms Bertie:** Employability & Academic Mentoring
- **Mrs Chapman:** Student Liaison & Attendance Officer





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Progression destinations 2021

-12 successful Oxbridge candidates

-4 students studying Medicine

-50% of the cohort accessing a
Russel Group University

-Nottingham Trent, Nottingham,
York, Anglia Ruskin, Exeter and
Durham

-Royal Navy, KPMG, Ernst & Young
and local HR, Banking, Nursing and
IT apprenticeships secured.



The UCAS Process



- Universities offer places based on predicted grades calculated by the school
- Some courses may require a specific grade in a subject, all of the subjects
- Students need to decide on what to do after school time)
 - Decide on what to do after school time)
 - And where, (reference)
 - Write a personal statement
 - Complete the UCAS application form
 - Submit it to UCAS

They will be asked to opt for two choices:

- **Firm** should be where they hope to go to, based on 'hoped for' grades
- **Insurance** should be where they are happy to go, with lower grade expectations

Many universities will offer places to students who are not Oxbridge or Medics, most SWCHS students will get 4/5 offers. 2021 saw +10% on UCAS applications, so competition for places continues despite the pandemic.



Reference grades

- These are the grades that will appear on their UCAS/apprenticeship/job applications. They are reviewed in the Autumn progress check.
- These are 'realistically optimistic' and set with the aim of students being eligible to apply to competitive university courses and jobs.
- They are not a prediction of what the student will achieve. This is the forecast grade.
- Where there is a significant difference between the reference and forecast grades, students will be supported to close the gap through a combination of subject and pastoral support systems.
- The reference grades will be reviewed in the Autumn progress check in November



Have a 'Plan B'

- Happily, most SWCHS students get to where they want to go
- However, a few students fail to listen to advice in having a more secure insurance choices for progression plans.
- If students have exciting alternative options for university choices and courses then there is less chance of disappointment or being forced into clearing because they don't have any offers.
- Make dual applications if still unsure.



Student finance

- Applied for by the Student, not us.
- Requires parental input (support is based on gross household income) but it is very likely that they and/or you will need to top-up their funding
- Students opt for finance with their UCAS application form
- The forms are completed in spring/summer 2022 (for 2022 entry)



Year 13 Important Dates

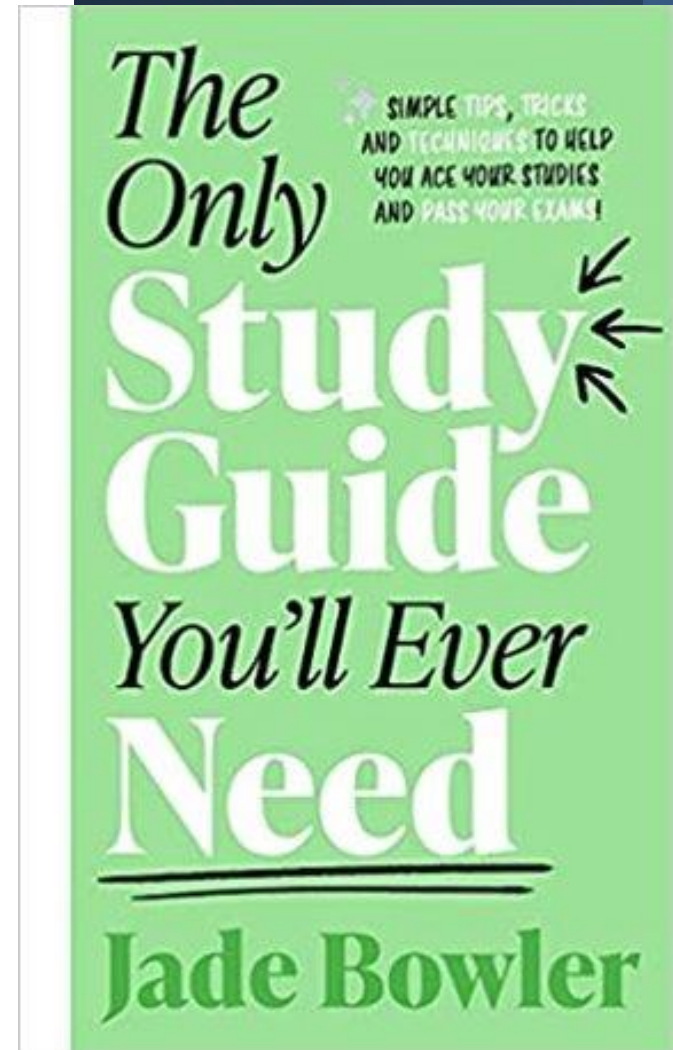
- **End of September:** University and course choices made, personal statement 1st draft written. Early Applicant deadlines.
- **October Half Term:** Final draft of personal statement written, University applications start to be sent.
- **November:** Continuing to send University applications
- **W/C 22nd November:** Autumn progress check
- **December 9th:** Parent's Evening
- **December 17th:** SWCHS deadlines for University applications
- **26th January:** UCAS deadline for University applications
- **21st Feb:** Mock exams #1
- **14th March:** Spring progress check
- **W-C 18th April:** Mock exams #2



Academic significance of Y13

- Identify your non-negotiable study periods in the week and stick to them
- Plan what you'll do in each of them at the start of the week
- Find a space that really works for deep focus
- Don't favour certain tasks-attack the hard stuff in small chunks
- Balance productive days with a more relaxed evening/weekend
- Learn to say no
- Make independent study a daily habit to avoid late night working and burning out.

Reminder that A-Levels are linear, so both Year 12 and 13 content will need to be revised



The Options Available Post-SWCCHS

- Undergraduate Degree
- Employment
- Advanced & Higher Apprenticeships (1-5 years, college, university or training provider alongside employer)
- Degree Apprenticeships (3-6 years, college or university alongside employer)
- Gap Year (before any of the above)



Dual Applications : Students can pursue more than one of these at the same time!



What about apprenticeships?

Firstly, what are they?

- ✓ Work and train at the same time
- ✓ Gain job-specific skills
- ✓ Start to build a network in the workplace
- ✓ Earn a wage
- ✓ No tuition fees
- ✓ Be given time for study related to their role

What can you do an apprenticeship in?



What have students at SWCHS gone on to do?

Students at SWCHS have successfully secured apprenticeships in the following:

JP Morgan – investment banking apprenticeship (higher level apprenticeship)

Local gardening companies (advanced apprenticeships)

NHS – occupational therapy (degree apprenticeship), nuclear medicine (higher apprenticeship)

BBC – digital marketing (degree apprenticeship)

Ernst & Young – professional services / accountancy (degree apprenticeship)

Cambridge Regional College – Beauty and hairdressing apprenticeships (Intermediate/advanced apprenticeships)

***** IMPORTANT TO START LOOKING NOW *****

SOME OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES IN BANKING, ACCOUNTING, LAW, CONSULTING ETC WILL OPEN APPLICATIONS IN THE COMING WEEKS

What support does SWCHS offer?

- **Careers Apps** – a new online ‘Team’ providing students with targeted weekly updates, and careers advice and support
- **Fortnightly support sessions** – Wednesday pm Week 2. This will focus on interview preparations, application guidance, CV support and effective job/apprenticeship research
- **Individual and group careers guidance sessions** with our external provide ‘Form the Future’
- **Ongoing support from Ms Bertie** our Employability Expert in the Sixth Form Collegiate, who will help students prepare for interviews, submit applications, explore employment opportunities.
- **Sector specific mentors** – support from members of staff who have worked in different areas, e.g finance, fashion, retail, physio, electronics, marketing, drama etc.