



## Next Steps Week 17-21 June 2024: Session Details

Session Title – Presenter	Cohort of students	Details
Launch event	All year 12	Launch presentation by Mr Sykes (AAHT: Year 13 and Next Steps) that will cover the benefits of the week's events and how students can best benefit from this.
Discover Degrees - Newcastle University	All year 12	What are the benefits of a degree? Which career opportunities does it open up? Is a degree the right choice for all students? Students will cover these questions and more, and will look at case studies of previous students to find out if university is the right pathway for them.
Apprenticeships – Amazing Apprenticeships	Students interested in apprenticeships/ employment	<p>Apprenticeships are an excellent stepping-stone to a rewarding career in numerous fields and have some distinct advantages compared to a degree. Find out about the different fields that apprenticeships cover, the different levels of apprenticeships, and what the current situation is with apprenticeship opportunities from an expert in this field.</p> <p>Students need their device so they can explore the apprenticeship website and set up an account so they can easily keep an eye on vacancies as they come up through year 13.</p>
UCAS Process – University of Sheffield	Students interested in university	How can you most easily complete your UCAS application to university? What pitfalls do you need to avoid? How can you maximise your chances of success? Find out from a top university.
Students to start their UCAS form and application	All year 12	<p>We are giving you this time because we need you to use it to do something. All students need to sign up for UCAS and complete the details in there.</p> <p>You then need to start to prepare either your personal statement or your CV</p>
Personal Statements – Manchester University	All year 12	<p>This will cover details on what universities want to see in a student's personal statement, how to write it. There will also be opportunity to ask questions of the admissions tutor and/or current students studying at Lincoln University.</p> <p>While this talk is focused on the personal statement, the principles covered will also apply to applying to apprenticeships/employment.</p>
CV Writing Session – Ms Lowe	Students interested in apprenticeships/ employment	<p>Get the best tips for how to write a CV. How long should they be? How do you set it out? What should you include? How can you “sell yourself”?</p> <p>All this and more will be covered in this session, enabling students to have a plan of attack for their CV, whatever their preferred sector.</p>



Degree Apprenticeships: Benefits and Opportunities – University of Kent	Students interested in apprenticeships/ employment	What is a degree apprenticeship? What career opportunities does it open up? What are the benefits compared to a degree?  Find out all this and more in this presentation from one of the universities in this sector.
Creative Next Steps – Ms Davies/Ms Marhsall	Students interested in pathways in the creative sectors	The creative industries in the UK are worth millions. There are rewarding and interesting careers to be had in these sectors. Is this an area for you? How can you find out what opportunities there are? How can you be best placed to take these opportunities? Come along to find out.
Humanities Next Steps – Leo Lord Cloke, Manchester University	Students interested in humanities degrees	Find out the pathways and opportunities open to you in the humanities sector at university. What to look out for when choosing a degree/university? What skills do the universities want to see in your application?  IGS alumnus Leo will be able to answer your questions in her informative presentation.
Subject-specific presentation: Biological Degrees – University of York	Students interested in biology-related subjects	In our survey, a large number of you expressed an interest in finding out more about degrees in biology-related subjects (because biology is great!). You spoke and we listened.  Come along to a talk all about the options in this field and what your future pathways could be from one of the top universities for this subject.
Using Unifrog for Next Steps Research and writing Personal Statements/CVs – Mr. Sykes	All year 12	This session covers how students can use Unifrog to research universities/apprenticeships and write their personal statements/CVs. This takes the theory that other sessions discuss and show students how to engage with this personally; an essential element of preparing for a student's personal next steps
Employability and progression - Peter Shelley, commercial and academic publisher and business owner	Students interested in apprenticeships/ employment	Applying for employment is something virtually all of you will need to do. What is the point of getting a job? How can you find/create the right career for you? What are employers looking for? How can you be prepared to take your opportunity when it comes? What <i>really</i> matters to employers and how can you show them that you have what they want? What are the likely future pathways that allow you to progress in your career?  Find out the answers to these questions and more.
Medics, Dentists, Vets: What is it actually like and how to prepare – Newcastle University	Students interested in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science	Find out what it is really like to study these subjects. How can you best prepare for these courses? Is it the right course for you?  This session will give you what you need to be able to answer these questions. Please come along with lots of questions.



Managing and building a business – Peter Shelley, commercial and academic publisher and business owner	Students interested in apprenticeships/ employment and/or business	<p>Some of you are interested in running your own business. Some of you are interested in leadership roles within existing businesses/companies. We have therefore put on this session just for you!</p> <p>What is required to manage a business? How can you build a team? How can you identify talent? How can you grow your own market? How can you be a leader of the future?</p> <p>Whatever type of leadership role you want, this session will help you to identify the skills required and how you can show that you already have some of these and can develop them further.</p>
Apprenticeship Top Tips – Ms Lowe	Students interested in doing an apprenticeship	<p>This session covers what apprenticeship providers are looking for, how to apply for a job/apprenticeship, why students need to be preparing for this now, and how they can do so.</p> <p>Whenever we learn something new, we make mistakes. You do not want to make these mistakes when you apply for the apprenticeship/job that you really want! Learn these things now so that you're ready when your opportunity comes.</p> <p>This session will also allow you to ask questions for your own Next Steps.</p>
Opportunities in Football Business – UCFB	Students interested in a career in the business of football (just not as a player)	<p>Football is one of the biggest industries in the world and here in the UK we have some of the biggest names in the sport. Find out what exciting career opportunities there are in this global industry from a new university linked with Manchester City and how you can combine your passion for the beautiful game with your academic skills</p> <p><a href="https://www.ucfb.ac.uk/">https://www.ucfb.ac.uk/</a></p>
Careers in the Music Industry - Point Blank Music	Students interested in a career in the music industry, especially music production	<p>The UK is one of the world's foremost centres of musical excellence with artists and producers making music that is enjoyed throughout the world. Point Blank Music is the only music production institution in the UK to be awarded a TEF Gold rating. With Grammy and Ivor Novello award-winning songwriters, producers, remixers and artist managers to work with Point Blank is ahead of the curve. You can choose from studying university-validated degree programmes to a wide range of professional courses that will take your music to the next level.</p> <p><a href="https://www.pointblankmusicschool.com/">https://www.pointblankmusicschool.com/</a></p>
Competitive Universities – How to aim high and maximise your chances – Mr. Sykes and IGS Alumni	Apply+	<p>Some universities require more from their applicants. This can be different for different universities but can include supercurricular reading, admissions tests, work experience, panel interviews, individual interviews, and much more.</p> <p>Find out more about the different things that are required and how to best prepare for them. A session for you to bring along questions and find answers.</p>



Take control of your career journey: Useful tips and ideas about your choices - Sally Shelton, Manager of Clip n Climb	Students interested in business	<p>Many students have indicated that they are interested in having a career in business. We have therefore arranged this session just for you!</p> <p>What pathways are open to you if you want a career in business? What are the benefits/drawbacks of not going to university? What careers are there in business? How can you maximise your chance of getting there? How is corporate business different to being an entrepreneur? Which is best for you?</p> <p>All this and more will be covered in this session.</p>
Scottish Universities: Differences and benefits compared to English universities – Mrs McCutcheon	Students interested in Scottish universities and St Andrew's in particular	<p>Scottish universities are quite different to English universities in many ways. Find out about these differences. What are the merits of each model? What should you consider if you're interested in this? How can you make a competitive application?</p> <p>Mrs McCutcheon, an alumnus of St Andrew's University, will present this session and will be able to answer any questions that you may have.</p>
Digital and IT Apprenticeships: The Inside Track – Estio, digital apprenticeships training specialists	Students interested in Digital and IT Apprenticeships	<p>There are many, many interesting and potentially well-paid careers in digital and IT sectors. What opportunities are there? Where can you find out about them? How can you apply? What do you need to be able to get a place?</p> <p>Find out from the experts!</p>
Careers/CV Drop-In Session – Ms Lowe	Students applying for apprenticeships / employment	<p>Have no idea what you want to do? Overwhelmed by the wide variety of careers available? Don't know where to start? Not sure what you should be looking for and how to look for it? How do you actually find an apprenticeship /job?!</p> <p>Don't panic. You're not on your own! Get personal support on your career concerns with Ms Lowe, Independent Careers Advisor.</p>
Personal Statement Workshop – Mr. Sykes	Students interested in going to university	<p>Confused? Overwhelmed? Don't know where to start? Not sure what you should include and what you should leave out? How do you actually get started?!</p> <p>Don't panic. You're not on your own! Get personal support on your personal statement with Mr Sykes</p>



<b>Parent's Information Evening – Applying to Higher Education.</b> <b>Prof Abigail Harrison-Moore, Leeds University</b>	<b>All year 12 and parents</b>	<p><b>Session aimed at both parents and students on what to consider when deciding on university applications and how to make your application the best it can be from an expert on applications from the university viewpoint.</b></p> <p><b>This is an engaging and thought-provoking presentation that is vital for anyone thinking that they might be interested in university.</b></p> <p><b>Not to be missed!</b></p>
<b>Next Steps Session in PBT with form tutor</b>	<b>All year 12</b>	<p>Opportunity mid-week to review what you have learned so far and how you can move forward with this.</p> <p>Your lovely form tutor will be the one writing your reference for both apprenticeship/employment and/or university, so working closely with them will really help you. Work as a team and move forward with confidence!</p>
<b>Opportunities for studying abroad – A Star Future</b>	<b>Students interested in studying abroad</b>	<p>Ilkley is a small town. Britain is a small country. There is a whole world of opportunities available for you. Find out about the multiple opportunities for studying abroad from experts in this field.</p> <p>Could your future be somewhere amazing? Find out in this session.  <a href="https://www.astarfuture.co.uk/">https://www.astarfuture.co.uk/</a></p>
<b>Apprenticeship Top Tips: Where to find and how to apply – Ms - Lowe, Careers Advisor and IGS Alumni</b>	<b>Students interested in doing an apprenticeship</b>	<p>If you're interested in apprenticeships or employment then this session is not to be missed.</p> <p>Get tips and advice from IGS alumni who were previously in your position but who now have secured apprenticeships. Ask questions, get advice, find out what you need to know for your future.</p>
<b>Choosing a course and university – Sheffield University</b>	<b>Students interested in university</b>	<p>Deciding on which university you apply to (you have 5 choices) is a big decision! Which course is best for you? How can you tell? Which city will you be happy living in for 3-4 years? Do you want a city university or a campus university? What is the collegiate system? Which option is best for your career options?</p> <p>Find out how to make the right decision for your own Next Steps.</p>



Apprenticeships: Where to find and how to apply – Ms Carter	Students interested in apprenticeship and employment	<p>If you're applying for university, you just need to apply through UCAS. Everything is all in one place so it is relatively straightforward.</p> <p>If you're applying for apprenticeships or employment, the deadlines are all different and often change mid-process, there is no single place to look, each application process is unique, and they all require interviews. It is not straightforward to get an apprenticeship!</p> <p>This session is here to help you.</p>
Gap Years: Why? What? How? – Project Trust and IGS Alumni	Students interested in taking a Gap Year	<p>What is a Gap Year? What are the benefits/drawbacks of taking a Gap Year? What could you do in a Gap Year? How can you prepare for a Gap Year? Find out the answers and have the opportunity to ask questions of IGS alumni who have done it themselves.</p>
Applying to Competitive Universities (including Russell Group) – Liverpool University	Apply+	<p>This session will cover the additional requirements needed to be successful in applying for the most competitive university courses and will include topics such as entrance exams, early application dates, making your personal statement stand out, and interviews.</p>
Options for non- university pathways – NGTU (Not Going to Uni)	Students interested in ANY non-uni option	<p>We are very good at helping students get to university. This is relatively straightforward for us (a lot of work, but a single system that we are experts in). Non-uni options are hugely varied, do not have a simple point to find out about or apply for, and all require different things. How can you find out what is right for you and get the best option for your future? NGTU are the experts in this field. This session could change your life!</p> <p><a href="https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/">https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/</a></p>
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Careers in Law – University of Law and other experts	Students interested in careers in law	<p>In our survey, a large number of you expressed an interest in finding out more about careers connected to law. You spoke and we listened.</p> <p>Come along to a talk all about the options in this field and what your future pathways could be.</p>
Applying to Health Care Courses – Bradford University	Students interested in careers in healthcare	<p>Many students have indicated that they are interested in having a career in healthcare. We have therefore arranged this session just for you!</p> <p>What pathways are open to you if you want a career in healthcare? Do you need to go to university? What careers are there in healthcare? Which career is best for you? How can you maximise your chance of getting there?</p> <p>All this and more will be covered in this session.</p>



Apply+ and Oxbridge: Personal Statements – Brasenose College, Oxford	Apply+	<p>Expert advice on writing personal statements for the most competitive courses and universities. Find out what universities are looking for and how you can include that in your personal statement.</p> <p>An essential session for anyone thinking about applying for Oxford, Cambridge, or any other very competitive university.</p>
Vocational Degrees and Degree Apprenticeships – University College Birmingham (tbc)	Students interested in apprenticeships	<p>Many universities are now expanding into the field of degree apprenticeships. This is very different to applying to apprenticeships directly to employers. Find out all about how to apply and what the benefits are.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ucas.com/explore/unis/b7599006/university-college-birmingham">https://www.ucas.com/explore/unis/b7599006/university-college-birmingham</a></p>
How Student Finance Works – Liverpool University	Students interested in university	<p>Essential session for all students who want to go to university.</p> <p>Find out how the funding system works and how students can access it. This is an important session for both parents and students. Bring a diary to make note of important dates. There will be the ability to ask questions at the end of the session.</p>
Degree Levels Apprenticeships with EY (Ernst and Young)	Students interested in apprenticeship/employment	<p>As one of “The Big 4” accountancy firms, EY is one of the most prestigious companies to work for and has some of the most varied roles. Getting advice and information from EY can be genuinely life changing! A session not to be missed! <a href="https://www.ey.com/en_uk">https://www.ey.com/en_uk</a></p>
Courses and Careers in Design – De Montfort University	Students interested in design or fashion and other related courses	<p>So, you’re interested in design? What sort of courses there are in this field? How can you make a successful application? What should you expect at uni on these courses? What career opportunities are there? And, why is De Montfort University is so good at these courses? Find out about all this and have the opportunity at the end for Q&amp;A</p>
Applying for medicine: The inside track – Mr Sykes and IGS Alumni	Students interested in studying medicine	<p>Applying for medicine is not easy and it is not straightforward. What does it take to get a place studying medicine? How can you maximise your chances of getting a place? What is the difference between UCAT and BMAT? Why does that matter?</p> <p>Find out all you need to know from IGS students who have been through it and are studying medicine now.</p>





Foundation courses and alternative pathways into higher education – University of Bradford	Students interested in foundation degrees	<p>Going to university is a life-changing opportunity and there are many pathways to access this, even if your grades are not as high as you may wish. Degrees with foundation years are an excellent example of this.</p> <p>What is a foundation year? How can you apply to them? Do you get the same degree at the end? What other pathways are there? What subjects are available?</p> <p>Find out about young people who are now studying amazing degrees and on wonderful pathways and how they got there.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bradford.ac.uk/undergraduate/foundation/">https://www.bradford.ac.uk/undergraduate/foundation/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/study-options/foundation-degrees">https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/study-options/foundation-degrees</a></p>
The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: What should you not do in interviews – Russell Kennedy	All year 12	<p>Being prepared for interviews is not easy and you do not want to learn by making mistakes as you go to them! Job interviews, apprenticeship interviews, university interviews. In-person, online, panel, one-to-one interviews.</p> <p>Being able to shine and sell yourself when feeling under pressure is not easy. Attend this session to get the edge.</p>
Careers as consultants, architects, planners – Duncan Hartley, Rural Solutions	Students interested in finding out more about careers as consultants, architects, planners (and those who want to know what these careers are!)	<p>Some careers are difficult for us in school to give you much exposure to. Duncan can give you the inside track on a variety of very well-paid careers that are available around Ilkley and across the world!</p> <p>This is a session that you should not miss, especially if you have some maths skills!</p> <p><a href="https://ruralsolutions.co.uk/">https://ruralsolutions.co.uk/</a></p>
Apprenticeships/ Employment: What to do now? - Ms Lowe	Students interested in apprenticeships/ employment	<p>Following the UCAS Discovery Day students will have lots of information to process and apply to themselves.</p> <p>This interactive session will help students to make progress on their Next Steps journey</p>
Super-Curricular Workshop – Brasenose College, Oxford	Apply+ (Oxbridge and Russell Group)	<p>Session led by Brasenose College, Oxford on how students can make their applications stand out and how they can best prepare for an Oxbridge degree. Also applicable to anyone interested in applying to competitive universities/courses</p>





Conservatoire Alumni Session	Students interested in Dance, Drama, Film, Music, Musical Theatre, or Production	<p>There is an amazing world of specialist education centres for creative and artistic pursuits. These are conservatoires.</p> <p>Applying to conservatoires is a very different process than the usual university application process. What does it involve? What are the time-frames? How can students best prepare? Find out in this session.</p> <p><b>Please bring along some questions to ask the alumni.</b> Please have a look here before you come along to give you some prompts  <a href="https://www.ucas.com/conservatoires">https://www.ucas.com/conservatoires</a></p>
School of Management: Preparation for the world of business – Bradford University School of Management	Students interested in the world of business	<p>Bradford's School of Management is one of the few universities in the world to hold the 'triple-crown' of accreditations: AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS. It is also The Times Higher Education Business School of the Year 2021. They also received Educate North Business School of the Year 2020 in recognition of outstanding performance in the areas of financial performance, teaching, research, student experience, innovation, and economic impact.</p> <p>If you want to find out about the world of business, then this session is for you!</p> <p>Click <a href="#">here</a> to see more</p>
Police and Services/Army pathways – The Army and the police	Students interested in the services and/or the police force	A career in the public services is one that holds many benefits and is suitable for many students. Find out how to apply, the qualities that are needed, and just how far this career path could take you.
Apply+ Group: What to do over the summer – Mr. Sykes and IGS Alumni	Apply+	<p>How to use your time wisely so that you're best prepared for the events that will come thick and fast! Admissions tests, supercurricular work, work experience, personal statements, choices, interviews etc...</p> <p>And how to manage this successfully without burning out!</p>
UCAT Preparation Session – Newcastle University	Students interested in studying medicine	<p>The UCAT is one of the admissions tests for applying to study medicine. Attend this presentation to find out exactly how to best prepare.</p> <p>If you want to study medicine, this is a presentation not to miss!</p>
London: How is it different to other places to study? – London Interdisciplinary School	Students interested in (or scared of) studying in London	<p>London: One of the world's great cities. Or noisy, crowded and expensive? An incredible opportunity to gain experiences impossible anywhere else. Or just "not for us Northerners"?</p> <p>Find out what it is really like, how studying in the capital may bring extra opportunities, and how to make it a reality if you want to.</p>



Careers Workshop – Mrs Stevenson-Lowe, Careers Advisor	All year 12	<p>Have no idea what you want to do? Overwhelmed by the wide variety of careers available? Don't know where to start? Not sure what you should be looking for and how to look for it? How do you actually find an apprenticeship/job?!</p> <p>Don't panic. You're not on your own! Get personal support on your career concerns with Mrs Stevenson-Lowe, Independent Careers Advisor.</p>
How to get the best apprenticeship for you - Bradford College, Apprenticeship Team and IGS alumni	Students interested in apprenticeships	<p>"I'll just get an apprenticeship" is one of the more stupid statements that we hear students make. There is no single place to find them. Each application is different. The deadlines are varied (and can close early!). They may require CVs, covering letters, phone interviews, in-person interviews, panel interviews, suitability tests.</p> <p>If you want to get an apprenticeship/job, you <b>MUST</b> be an expert in your application. Attend this session to start to become the expert you need to be.</p>
NHS and Healthcare careers – Allied Healthcare, Mr Sykes, and IGS Alumni	Students interested in a career in the NHS or healthcare	<p>Overview of opportunities in the NHS and other careers. What skills can be learned to be prepared? Could this be part of a Gap Year? How can you make sure that you stand out to future employers?</p> <p>Many employers are now focusing more on skills and personal qualities than just grades. Be prepared! You will also get to hear from and ask questions of IGS alumni that are working in the NHS now.</p>
Maths Entrance Exams – Ms Cox	Students applying to university courses involving maths-linked entrance exams	<p>Several university courses require entrance exams in addition to specific A levels grades.</p> <p>Find out all you need to know from Ms Cox.</p>
Students to fill in personal details on UCAS / work on Personal Statement in Unifrog	All year 12	<p>We are giving you this time because we need you to use it to do something. You need to submit a first draft of your personal statement / CV following the advice that you receive in the sessions this week.</p> <p>Deadline for this is:</p> <p><b>Monday 1 July</b> (Apply+)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 3 July</b> (everyone else).</p>
PBT Next Steps Review – Form groups	All students	<p>Opportunity to review what you have learned so far and how you can move forward with this. Set some personal goals to work towards with the guidance from your tutor.</p>



CV Writing Session - Ms Mitchell and Mrs Stevenson-Lowe	Students interested in employment/apprenticeships	<p>If you apply for university, you need to write a personal statement. If you apply for a job/apprenticeship, there may be many different things that they want you to submit!</p> <p>Preparing a solid CV is an essential step in any application. Come along to this session to get all the tips and advice that you need.</p> <p>Deadline for CV first draft: <b>Wednesday 3 July</b></p>
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