

Going to University

– *A Guide for Parents and Carers*



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Planning for the future

- Post - school plans-
- When?
- School curriculum – *Have I chosen the required subjects?*
- Formal and Informal Opportunities- work experience, charity work, clubs, Prefects, Peer Support.
- Discussion around subject choices
- Careers Advisers
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Harris Academy School Dates

- June Pupils are given a booklet which informs them of their options and key dates. At this point pupils who wish to study specific courses are informed to check any entrance requirements and the key dates for their chosen university.
- August Pupils are informed of the UCAS process. They are also informed about any future opportunities- Career Conventions or Open Days. Entrance exam reminder.
- September Lecture on writing Personal Statements
- October Pupils must hand in to their guidance teacher, information regarding their skills, qualities and aspirations
- November Meeting with Guidance teacher regarding their reference
- April SAAS into school to go through funding applications
- Pupil applications are tracked throughout the process.***

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Positive Destinations

S6 2018/19 leavers

Further Education	28
Higher Education	86
Modern Apprenticeships	2
Employment	15
Unemployed	4
Other	11
Voluntary work	1

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S5 2018/19 Leavers

Further Education	23
Higher Education	1
Employment Funding	3
Modern Apprenticeship	2
Employment	4
Activity Agreement	4
Other	2

S4 2018/2019 Leavers

23 Further Education
2 Modern Apprenticeships
1 Employed
1 Unemployed

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How can parents and carers help?

- Support young person in their learning. How well are they doing?
- Be a positive sounding board.
- Focus on strengths, interests and aspirations.
- Alternatives to university – apprenticeships, employment, college?
67% of our senior phase go to university but what do the rest do?
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UCAS

- What is it?
- University and Colleges Admission Service
- www.ucas.com
- Who might consider applying?
- The UCAS website is very comprehensive. It takes each applicant through the process of applying and offers many video links, which any candidate can use for advice and support.
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How parents and carers can help with researching options?

- Get online - use search tool at www.search.ucas.com
 - There are over 37,000 undergraduate courses to choose from.
 - University Open Days – each pupil is allowed 2 school day visits
 - Look at financial implications.
 - £20 for one entry
 - £25 for two or more
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UCAS Journey – Key Dates

- Registration – available from 24th May
- Completed applications can be sent to UCAS from 1st September
- Deadline for applications to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and for most courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science – 15th October
- Harris Academy and Dundee High School are able to offer Oxbridge entrance exams.
- Deadline for most undergraduate courses – 15th January
- Harris Academy deadline is the last day of our December term
- Deadline for applications to some art and design courses – 24th March
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The application form

- Register using school's buzzword – Harris 20
- Personal details
- Additional information
- Student Finance O2 STUDENTSAAS
- Who has access? Nominate a parent/carer so they are able to ask or answer questions about your application if you are not available
- Choices (1 to 5 choices or 4 for medicine, veterinary or dentistry)
- Education – have the minimum requirements been met.
- Employment : Extra Curricular
- Personal Statement
- School Reference
- <https://www.ucas.com/connect/videos/ucas?v=/personal-statements-finding-formula>
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ANY QUESTIONS?



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