


Higher Education Preparation Programme 2009-2010

The following events will help students, parents and carers to make informed choices about Higher Education (HE) as a possible 'next step' after Wyke College.

NB All dates are subject to confirmation.

First Year	
January 2009 onwards	<p>yougofurther.co.uk The "yougo" website is full of features and has a dedicated area for students thinking of applying to university or college. Register now to make sure you don't miss out on useful application information, special offers and discounts.</p> 
February 2009 onwards	<p>Oxford/Cambridge Applications Support provided for students applying to Oxford and Cambridge Universities. For more information see Alexandra Bankoff. Programme includes visits, interview practice, talks etc.</p>
30th April 2009	<p>Careers Convention at Wyke College Many universities, colleges, gap year providers and advice agencies present.</p>
8th June – 9th July 2009	<p>Individual careers interviews and/or "Coursefinder" sessions Throughout this period, as usual, students can book individual careers appointments with a Connexions Personal Adviser in College to discuss their plans for the future. For students unsure about what to study at university, there is the opportunity to do a "Coursefinder" questionnaire to generate possible ideas for discussion.</p>
11th, 18th & 25th June 09	<p>HE tutorials Important group sessions to give an overview of applying to higher education.</p>
8th – 26th June 2009	<p>"Applying to HE" Sessions Various group sessions for students interested in applying to university. Students should sign up for relevant sessions. More details will be available on 11th June.</p>
Thursday 18th June 2009	<p>Parents' Information Evening 7pm This meeting will provide an opportunity for parents to find out what their role will be and to ask questions. There will be information about student finance and application procedures.</p>
Monday 22nd June 2009	<p>UCAS Convention Many universities and colleges represented at the Convention held at the University of Hull. A shuttle bus from College to the University will be provided for all students wishing to attend.</p>
23rd – 26th June 2009	<p>UCAS Apply registration sessions An opportunity to register on the online application system (UCAS Apply), learn how to complete the application and to start work on personal statements.</p>
6th – 8th July 2009	<p>Visits to Local Universities Optional day trip to universities in the region; interested students will need to sign up for these trips.</p>
Summer vacation	<p>Students carry out research, visit universities etc. NB Connexions advisers are available at Connexions Centres for advice and support throughout the summer.</p>

Second year	
September – Autumn half-term 2009	Student Applications UCAS forms will need to be completed during this period. There will be regular lunchtime “UCAS clinics” for students with queries.
End of September	College deadline for early applications Students applying to Oxford/Cambridge Universities, or for courses in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine/Science need to complete applications by this date.
15th October 2009	UCAS deadline for early applications See above. These applications must be with UCAS by this date.
November/ December 2009	Oxbridge interviews Students applying to Oxford and Cambridge will be interviewed at this time.
13th November 2009	College deadline for UCAS applications All UCAS applications (apart from Art & Design courses with a later deadline) need to be completed by this date, ready for references to be added by the College.
15th January 2010	UCAS must have received applications This is the UCAS closing date for applications; after this date applications will be classed as “late” and are considered at the discretion of the university/college. Students should aim to apply <u>well before</u> this date, as earlier applications have a real advantage. <i>If students do not meet the College’s November deadline, we cannot guarantee to get their application to UCAS before 15th January.</i>
January onwards	HE offers start to arrive Students will start to hear from their university choices about whether or not they have been made an offer.
End of January 2010	College deadline for completion of applications for Art & Design Some Art & Design courses have a deadline of 24 th March. Students applying for these courses should aim to complete applications by the end of January.
Late February onwards	UCAS Extra Applications for a place at HE can be pursued via this service for those students who have not been successful in achieving an offer of a place, or who have declined all offers.
August 2010	Clearing When examination results are available, College and Connexions staff will be available to help those students who have not been awarded their preferred choice of university. Courses will still be available through Clearing. Good advice will be required before making decisions.

General Advice

- Whenever students require additional help (about universities, jobs, work experience etc.) they can arrange to see Emily Peach (Careers Co-ordinator) or a Connexions Personal Adviser.
- College Tutors will support students through the application procedure.
- The College Library contains prospectuses and lots of information and tips about applying for HE.
- Financial help is provided to enable students to visit open days, interviews or auditions. The Student Support Application form is available from Guidance, to apply for re-imbursment of expenses incurred whilst visiting a university (each student can apply for support for 2 visits in an academic year).
- Look on university and UCAS websites (www.ucas.com). Don't be afraid of contacting departments.
- Always pay attention to the College TV screens, HE noticeboard (in the corridor outside the Guidance Desk and Study Area) and information given out in tutorials.