



# Kingsmead School



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## **Next Steps – Year 13 Information Evening**

Please use the following links to access further information regarding next steps for your child's application to university or an apprenticeship. Any questions or concerns please contact a member of the Sixth Form Team for more information.

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/>

Gives a comprehensive overview of undergraduate courses offered at all universities and what A-Level/BTEC courses are required to be accepted onto a degree course. The site also offers guidance on:

- University league tables
- Open Days
- Student advice
- Advice on student finance
- Future career prospects

### **Student Accommodation**

Perhaps something that you have not considered yet, however it is worth researching what accommodation universities offer. Most universities will offer accommodation at different costs that will include different services and utilities (for example with broadband included, laundry facilities or even a gym). However, some cities also have a lot of private student accommodation which are run totally independent from the universities themselves. The link below offers a good guide to what accommodation options your child may have to consider:

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/student-accommodation>

### **Student Finance**

All students are entitled to loans and forms of financial support, including bursaries whilst they study. Some students are entitled to different amounts depending on their living arrangements, circumstances or in some instances, grades obtained in Sixth Form. The links below will provide further information on how to apply for student finance and the options available:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

<https://www.ucas.com/money>

<https://www.gov.uk/extra-money-pay-university>



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## Balancing Part-Time Work with Study

Many students gain part-time employment to support their undergraduate studies. Universities recommend that students do not work more than 10-15 hours per week. However, some universities don't allow students to have a part-time job whilst studying. The websites linked below offer some guidance with regards to balancing work and study:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/student-life/balancing-work-and-study>

<https://www.savethestudent.org/student-jobs/balancing-a-job-and-study-at-university.html>

## Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships

Some students may decide they would like to go down the route of an apprenticeship or a degree apprenticeship. In this circumstance they may be paid to learn job-specific skills and work full-time hours, or learn and work alongside a degree. The links below provide information on the options available for committing to an apprenticeship, which some students may consider instead of a degree:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-your-education-and-training-choices/apprenticeship>

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>

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