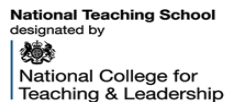


Welcome to the Year 13 Futures Information Evening

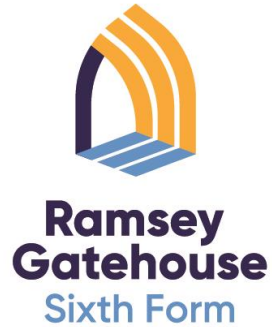


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Year 13 will be the hardest year of your child's academic life so how can you support them?

- Be available to listen
- Offer to quiz them
- Promote a healthy diet and sleep routine
- Provide opportunities for rest and relaxation
- Monitor their part-time working hours as well as their school:life balance.
- Share any concerns with us

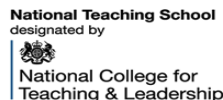




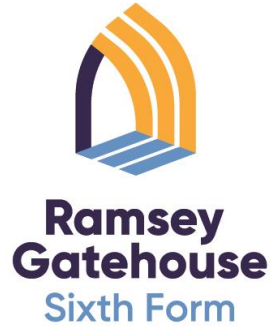
Year 13 is the gateway to your child's future, so since July we have been talking a lot about futures.

We have had:

- Guest Speakers from local universities
- Apprenticeship Talk
- UCAS Hub sessions
- Personal Statement sessions
- Tutor one-to-ones

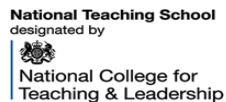


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The right future for your child

We know that university is not the right option for all students and we will support students in whatever path they take towards their next steps.



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Degree Apprenticeships



An Overview of the UCAS Process 2023 - 2024



Personal Statement

This is a 4000 **character** document in which students have the opportunity to tell the course administrator why they are suitable for their course.

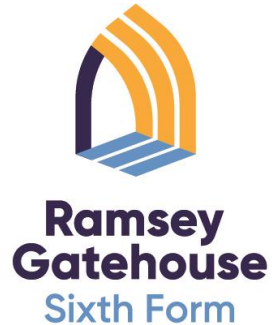
They should:

- Be concise
- Talk about their skills and experiences, both inside and outside of Sixth Form, and provide examples using the ABC model (Activity, Benefit, Course)
- Summarise why they are a suitable applicant for the given course

They should not:

- Use cliché quotes
- Declare their 'passion' for the subject
- Write generically about their A Level courses
- Make the statement specific to one university

If students are applying for joint honours or differing courses, they may be asked to provide an additional personal statement. For Arts based courses they are likely to be asked to produce a portfolio of their work in addition to the personal statement.



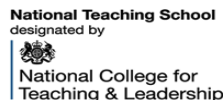
The UCAS Process

All students have been encouraged to sign up to UCAS Hub and enter their basic information whether they intend to apply for university or not.

We encourage students to be as honest as possible on their applications to ensure the right support is in place for them when they arrive.

Once they have completed their application and personal statement, students will need to pay and send their application.

This is paid by debit card directly to UCAS and costs £27.50. If your child's course requires an entrance test, these will come an additional cost and should they should liaise with Mrs Bennett in exams if these need to be sat in school.



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The UCAS Process

Once the application is sent it comes to the Sixth Form Team so students should complete a UCAS ready to send form (available from Study6) and submit it to me. The Sixth Form Team then check the application and personal statement and add the academic reference.

Only once the application has been completed and quality assured will it be sent to UCAS and I will inform students of this by Teams message.

Some universities will make offers immediately, others will wait until the application deadline in January.

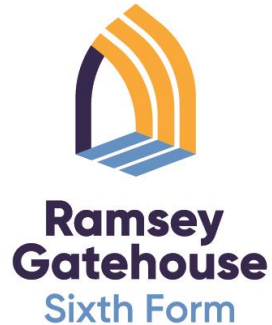
Offers are usually conditional (based on the student achieving the set entry requirements) occasionally a contextual conditional offer will be made due to circumstances unique to the student.

Unconditional offers are made by certain universities, these are offers which set no grade expectations for the student to achieve and offers them a place regardless of their summer exams.

We do not recommend that students accept unconditional offers as their firm choice as research has shown that doing so, on average drops a student's average grade by 2 whole grades as they disengage and coast to the finish.

Some courses require students to attend interview, students should inform us of these as soon as they are aware so that we can arrange mock interviews for them.

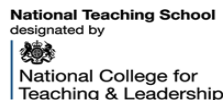
Accepting offers



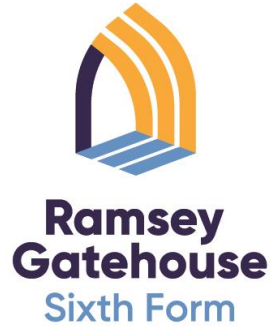
Students will apply for a maximum of 5 courses but will only be able to make a firm and insurance choice.

Once students have all their offers they can choose these and decline the other others.

Occasionally, there are instances where a student receives 5 rejections, here they can enter UCAS Extra and make an additional application at no extra cost.



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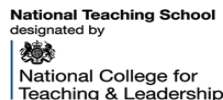
Applying for degree apprenticeships

Students applying for a degree apprenticeship should meet with Ms Pollard this month to identify their area of interest and gain support with their curriculum vitae , these meetings can be booked through Mrs Neville.

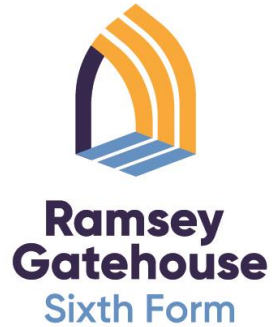
Students should also sign up for alerts for their area of interest on:

[Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

[NGTU | Home \(notgoingtouni.co.uk\)](https://notgoingtouni.co.uk)

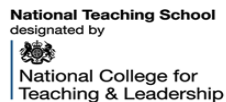


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Virtual or telephone interviews

As part of the application process students may be asked to undertake a virtual or telephone interview, we are happy to facilitate this happening within the Sixth Form or can authorise for the student to complete this at home.



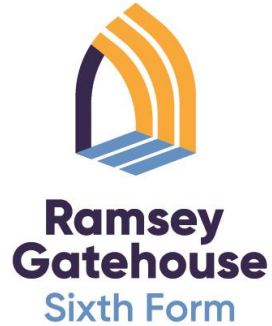
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Assessment Days

Some businesses invite candidates in for an Assessment Day, this may involve tasks that assess:

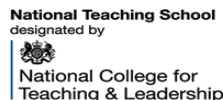
- Problem solving
- Communication
- Leadership
- Initiative

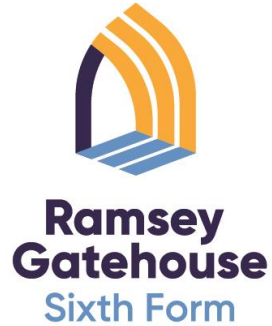
Ms Pollard will be able to support students prior to these.



Face to Face interviews

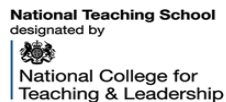
Again, as with university interviews, students should let us know about these as soon as possible so that we can arrange a mock interview for them.



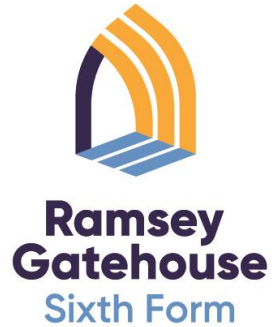


AIM Apprenticeships

This provider will be back in school on Friday 29th September and any Year 13 interested in obtaining a degree apprenticeship should attend this session.

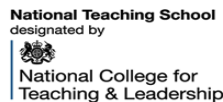


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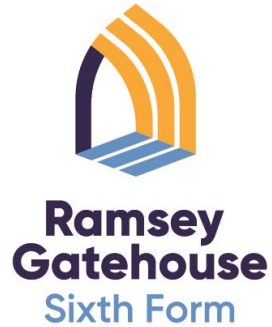


University and Apprenticeship Search Event

Following on from our successful trip to the UCAS Fair at the Excel centre in March we will be running a trip to the University and Apprenticeship Search Event on Friday 10th November at the University of Northampton.

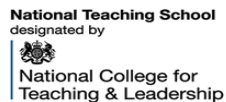


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If you have any questions

Myself, Mrs Moore and the Year 13 Tutors will be available for the next 15 minutes to answer them.



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